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La'am elects two drivers to same seat

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Likud's La'am faction split last night between supporters of Health Minister Eliezer Shostak and of MK Ehud Olmert. Both claim to head the faction's candidates for the Likud Knesset list.

Each group conducted separate elections to choose candidates for the Likud list — including some safe Likud seats — and each insisted that its list legitimately represented the faction.

After the elections, the 73-year-old Shostak called Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and told him that he headed the La'am list — followed by the 38-year-old Olmert, MK Yigal Cohen, MK Avraham Hirschson and Aharon Papo.

Olmert said last night that he will inform Shamir this morning of what he called the "La'am list," that is headed by Olmert, followed by Yigal Cohen, Avraham Hirschson and Henia Rapoport. Shostak was not elected.

La'am is the junior partner in the

Likud and has had the eighth, 18th, 25th and 36th slots on the Knesset list with Herut and the Liberals.

The split came into the open shortly after some 45 members of La'am's executive met at party headquarters on the third floor of an apartment house on Rehov Yehuda Halevi here.

Several members complained of a plot to unseat Shostak. Shalom Cohen, the secretary of the National Workers Union, Shostak's power base, claimed that several people "quietly, behind the minister's back, got together and decided the only way for them to advance was to prevent Shostak from being elected" to the first slot.

"It is not customary to secretly connive against the head of the movement... Nobody has challenged his leadership," Cohen told *The Jerusalem Post*.

After several members complained of the "plot," Shostak adjourned the meeting and said it would reconvene at the union's headquarters. He left with some 15

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The Labour Party appointments committee, including Yitzhak Rabin (left) and Shimon Peres (second from left), meet with one of the 50 delegations that came yesterday to promote a candidate for the party's Knesset list.

Israelis in Rabat invite Hassan

A conference of Moroccan Jews from around the world opened yesterday in Rabat with 35 prominent Israelis among the 400 participants.

The head of the Israeli delegation, MK Rafi Edri (Labour), issued an invitation to Moroccan King Hassan II to visit Israel, where Edri said he would be received enthusiastically. Edri and the other Israeli participants may be received by the king during the conference.

Commenting on Israel TV's *Mabat* newscast last night, Ehud Ya'ari said that the message of the conference, the first in Rabat attended by an official Israeli delegation, is that Morocco will continue to play a role as intermediary between

Israel and other Arab states and elements.

Ya'ari said that the Israeli political, academic and press personalities at the conference were being treated graciously. However, there was no "Sadat-like" atmosphere, portending the start of a new era.

Ya'ari added that representatives of all Moroccan parties, including the Communists, and of trade unions and professional organizations, were present at the opening ceremonies.

In an address, State Minister Ahmad Awali said: "There can be no progress without dialogue. Monologue leads only to a dead end." He called for the establishment of an association to further Jewish-Arab understanding.

David Amar, head of the local

Moroccan Jewish community, said that there could not be peace in the Middle East without a solution of the Palestinian problem.

The congress of the 20,000 Jews still living in Morocco and representatives of Jews of Moroccan origin in other countries opened under rigid security precautions in Rabat's Hilton Hotel.

Access to the hotel was barred to all outsiders and the building was ringed by armed police.

Morocco is a member of the Arab League and technically at war with Israel. But King Hassan has long worked behind the scenes for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement and has repeatedly conferred informally with prominent Israeli visitors.

Special arrangements were made to provide the Israeli delegates with travel documents allowing them to enter Morocco without using their Israeli passports.

Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, said that

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Rabbi Levinger arrested Shamir urges Gush to 'purge,' educate ranks

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Gush Emunim's leaders were yesterday urged to conduct "an educational campaign" among their followers to purge the West Bank settlers' ranks of those who "deviate" from the movement's ideals. This was the main thrust of Premier Yitzhak Shamir's remarks at a meeting with the Gush heads in his office yesterday to discuss the arrest of members of a suspected Jewish terrorist underground.

Police last night, after several hours of questioning, arrested Rabbi Moshe Levinger.

Levinger had earlier been scheduled to join the Gush delegation of 12 that met with Shamir and that told him that the Gush utterly opposed "any forms of taking the law into one's own hands and such activities" of which the underground is suspected.

Benny Katzover, a Gush activist, apologized to Shamir for having initially described the arrest of many of

his friends as a "frameup" by the General Security Services. But he repeated a Gush claim that the underground had been motivated in its acts by the inadequate security given to the settlers.

Among the delegation were Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, Yehoshua Zuckerman and Haim Druckman.

Both Shamir and the Gush delegation, including Porat, a former MK, emphasized that the settlement effort would continue.

Eitan Liss, of the Golan Heights, where five people have been arrested in the case, told Shamir that the "way to improve morale in the territories is to undertake a new settlement push."

Although the prime minister was sympathetic to this suggestion, he made no promise to the group other than to say that he would oppose any effort to smear the entire settlement movement with the underground's motives. The meeting lasted 90 minutes.

Meanwhile, Levinger was being questioned by investigators in the case.

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Labour committee hears 50 delegations

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party's appointments committee held an intensive round of meetings yesterday, sitting with over 50 delegations between 9 a.m. and midnight. The committee, which will choose some 50 per cent of the party's Knesset list and will rank all the candidates, includes chairman Shimon Peres, secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev, former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and former president Yitzhak Navon.

The delegations arrived to plead the cases of individual candidates or of interest groups. They consisted of either the candidates themselves or of groups of supporters of no more than five members. Each delegation was limited to 15 minutes.

The delegations, from all over the country, represented a wide range of candidates and interest groups, including Labour women, development towns, Druse, Beduin, students and factions, such as those headed by MKs Amnon Linn and

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Karameh says fighting aimed to stymie cabinet

BEIRUT. — Sporadic mortar and rocket-propelled grenade exchanges persisted in and around Beirut yesterday, raising the weekend death toll to 19, and sources close to Prime Minister Rashid Karameh labelled the fighting a tactic to block the work of his cabinet.

Sources quoted by government radio said Karameh was determined the continual flare-ups would not distract his government from the key job of reorganizing the Lebanese Army.

Beirut newspapers were all but unanimous in linking the sudden outbreak of violence to the cabinet dispute over the future of the country's fragmented army.

The newspaper *Le Reveil*, published by Christian Phalangists, said the shelling was an attempt by the Druse and Shi'ite forces to impose their demands over the army.

The headline in *al-Liwa*, a Moslem-run daily, said: "Dispute over the army blows up the security situation as Israel moves to thwart the Arab option."

Several Moslem religious leaders claimed that Israel, through its

Christian allies, instigated the fighting on Saturday to embarrass Karameh.

Militia sources said Israeli gunboats started a bout of shelling in the mountains above Beirut last Thursday by lobbing shells at both parties. There were no reports that this happened on Saturday night.

In another blow to the credibility of the government, Druse leader Walid Jumblatt was quoted as saying his presence in the cabinet did not mean he accepted the legitimacy of President Amin Jemayel or had renounced the use of force to achieve his party's ends.

In an interview published in the English language magazine *Monday Morning*, Jumblatt said Karameh's government was just "an opportunity to achieve a kind of truce... which might last a month or six months. I don't know."

Asked if he was ready to stop his militia fighting government forces now that he had joined the cabinet, Jumblatt said: "No, no. It doesn't mean we have recognized the so-called legality of Amin Jemayel or what he represents." (Reuters)

'Better relations' trim S. Lebanon casualties

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Better relations with inhabitants of South Lebanon, a series of new military tactics in that region, and the progress being made by the South Lebanese Army have all contributed to a drastic decrease in Israeli casualties there, cabinet sources said yesterday.

"Notwithstanding the Friday attack that killed one of our soldiers," said a source, "there has been a change for the better in South Lebanon."

Another source said that one factor lowering the casualty rates in South Lebanon has been a gradual new deployment of troops so that Israeli troops man the "front lines" of the northern area of South Lebanon, while the SLA covers the interior.

"It means fewer soldiers of ours in the north and it means fewer patrols in built-up areas," said a source.

Cabinet sources refused to term the new tactics a "redeployment," and no discussion of redeployment took place at yesterday's cabinet meeting.

Asked whether Israel has made contact with Nabih Berri, the Shi'ite militia leader named Lebanon's minister of state for South Lebanon, a cabinet source noted that in recent months there have been "improved relations" with the mostly Shi'ite residents of South Lebanon.

The cabinet yesterday also heard reports on U.S.-Israel relations, and U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir gave a briefing on Egypt-Israel relations.

"The Egyptian consensus is to maintain the peace agreement," said a source, adding "but the content of that agreement, its spirit, well, that's the problem."

The cabinet was told by Shamir that the International Red Cross has asked to meet with the abducted three Israelis from the Beirut liaison office, now being held in Damascus. But Damascus has not allowed the meeting to take place.

Cabinet secretary Dan Meridor, who is leaving his post this week to run for the Knesset on the Likud list, said Israel has not been asked to remove its liaison office from Dbaiyeh, near Beirut.

Knesset panel okays Eilat railway plan

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday endorsed a recommendation from Transport Minister Haim Corfu to build a railway line to Eilat.

The committee said the extension of the line, from Mount Zin in the Negev to Eilat, was a vital means of opening up the Negev and boosting trade in the town and port of Eilat.

The committee authorized the Treasury and Transport Ministry to begin planning the project and estimating costs, and to begin raising the capital necessary for it.

200,000 would benefit from proposed tax bracket change

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Some 200,000 taxpayers would benefit from a change in tax brackets which the Treasury has proposed, ministry officials said yesterday. The change will mainly benefit those taxpayers on the lower part of the income scale.

The proposed change was due to be raised by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad at yesterday's meeting of the Ministerial Economic Committee, but it was decided to postpone the debate at the request of Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i who could not attend the meeting for personal reasons.

Under the proposal the lowest tax bracket of 25 per cent will be replaced by a 30 per cent bracket. At the same time the tax threshold, the level at which taxpayers start paying taxes will be raised. At current rates, the threshold for a worker whose wife does not work will be raised to IS41,000 from IS32,800.

To prevent the higher income earners from benefiting from the change the Treasury is planning to create a new tax bracket of 30 per cent. This will limit the benefits of the change to the lower half of the income scale.

Of the 200,000 wage earners who stand to benefit from the proposal,

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IDF lieutenant buried

ROSH PINA (Itim). — Segen (Lieutenant) Yosef Binyon, who was killed on Friday morning in Nabatiya in southern Lebanon, was buried yesterday at Rosh Pina cemetery.

Thousands of Galilee residents came to pay their respects, as did many members of Binyon's unit in Lebanon.

Binyon, of Moshav Eliphelet in Upper Galilee, was killed when a hand grenade was thrown at an IDF convoy.

Hungarian magazine challenges Soviets on Wallenberg

STOCKHOLM (JTA). — A Hungarian magazine has challenged the official Soviet explanation of the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat imprisoned in Russia after saving thousands of Jews in wartime Budapest.

The Soviet line is that Wallenberg died in a Moscow prison in July, 1947, two years after being brought to Russia from Budapest.

However, the Budapest historical review, *Historia*, published earlier this year, asserts that Wallenberg's fate "has still not been cleared up" following his disappearance on January 17, 1945.

The statement is made in an article by Janos Poto, which also investigates the story of a Budapest statue erected in Wallenberg's honour in 1949 but which was removed mysteriously on the eve of its public

unveiling on the banks of the Danube.

The statue, representing a man killing a serpent, reappeared many years later outside a penicillin factory in the city of Debrecen. It was stripped of its inscription about Wal-

enberg, and now officially symbolizes the fight against disease.

According to Poto, two more casts of the same statue exist: one in Budapest and the other in Jakarta, Indonesia. Both are erected outside medical establishments and there is

Memorial in Hungary for Holocaust victims

BUDAPEST (AP). — Jewish and Christian clergymen attended a memorial service yesterday at a Jewish cemetery to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the large-scale Nazi transport of Jews to death camps from here in World War II.

Chief Rabbi Sandor Scheiber, president of the national rabbinate and head of the National Theological Seminary, said 600,000 Hungarian Jews perished in the Holocaust, which began here later than in most of the Axis-controlled nations.

By 1944, an estimated 800,000 Jews were in Hungary, which was allied with Nazi Germany. In March 1944, the country was occupied by the German army, and shortly afterward the "transport" of Jews to extermination camps began.

nothing to suggest the reason why it was commissioned.

Poto notes that the statue shared the same fate as its young inspirer and he describes as "most shocking" the way its identity was later altered.

The text of the *Historia* article was translated by the Swedish Embassy in Budapest. It was given to the JTA by the Raoul Wallenberg Committee, in Stockholm, which continues to press the Soviet Union to free him or give a credible account of his fate.

Wallenberg's place in Jewish history will be discussed in the first week in July in Jerusalem at a meeting of the World Confederation of Hungarian Jews, at which delegates from Budapest are expected to be present. The conference will coincide with the 40th anniversary of Wallenberg's arrival in Budapest. If still alive, he would be 73 years old.

Kuwaiti tanker strafed by plane, believed Iraqi

MANAMA, Bahrain. — A Kuwaiti tanker was reported hit by a missile fired by an unidentified plane yesterday as salvage teams continued to grapple with two Saudi Arabian-registered tankers disabled in the Gulf waters as a result of the Iraq-Iran war.

The chairman of the Kuwait Tanker Co., Abdel-Fattah al-Badr said the tanker Umm-Casbah was fired upon at 9 a.m. while it was outside the Iraq-Iran war zone.

Informed sources believed the attacking plane came from Iraq. First contacts with the captain of the vessel indicated no casualties, fire or explosion, but a missile had caused "minor damage in the central tank of the vessel," al-Badr said.

The vessel was loaded with 76,500 tons of crude oil destined for Britain,

he said.

The captain had diverted the vessel to Bahrain for preliminary investigations, al-Badr added. It had been on its way from Kuwait to Britain.

Iraq made no mention of yesterday's incident in its regular evening military communique issued in Baghdad.

Yesterday's attack seemed certain to complicate Iraq's relations with its conservative Arab allies, notably Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, which have given Baghdad strong financial and other backing in the 43-month-old Gulf war with Iran.

Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani was quoted as saying last week that Iraqi attacks on Saudi tankers had been unintentional since the Iraqi fighter pilots could not distinguish ships' nationalities

from the air.

Meanwhile, a new fire on the Saudi Arabian-registered super-tanker recently damaged by an Iraqi air attack near the Iranian oil terminal on Kharg Island, was being brought under control late yesterday. But the vessel was "a practical write-off," according to shipping sources.

"The main thing now is to save the cargo which is very precious, over 100,000 tons of crude oil," said a source close to the salvage company, Selco, that has been fighting the fire on the 117,700 ton Al-Ahoo.

Despite its condition, the vessel had been towed as far as possible from the war zone to avoid a possible new attack. It is now in Iranian territorial waters, some 13 km. off the Iranian port of Bushehr, south of

Kharg. The salvage operation was being conducted under the supervision of the Iranian navy.

Marine experts in the Gulf have been warning the tanker may explode and spill its crude oil cargo, causing a major pollution threat to the Gulf waters.

Al-Ahoo was the second Saudi tanker hit in almost the same area over the past weeks. The first vessel, the 178,808-ton Safina al-Arab is still disabled in the Gulf waters, but closer to Bahrain.

Both Saudi tankers had taken on their oil at the Kharg terminal.

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Visiting Soviet journalist says:

'No reason to keep Ida Nudel from Israel now'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Now that Prisoner of Zion Ida Nudel has been released from a labour camp in Siberia where she was held for alleged "hooliganism", a visiting Russian journalist sees no reason for her being prevented from leaving the Soviet Union if she wishes to.

Vladimir Runinkov, of the Soviet news agency, had been asked if Nudel, the Soviet Jewish refusenik now living in Bendery, Moldavia, might be allowed to emigrate to Israel.

The question was posed yesterday at the official Russian-Hebrew reception for a visiting Soviet delegation consisting of the deputy mayor of Moscow, Anatoly Kostanko; Andrei Bulayev, of the Moscow Institute of World Economy and International Relations, and Runinkov. They were accompanied to the Town Hall reception by the Rakah (New Communist) Haifa town councillor Zahi Karkaba and were received by the three deputy mayors, Prof. Moshe Livni, Dr. Erich Loeb and Eliezer Alter. Mayor Aryeh Gurel is abroad.

Runinkov also said, speaking in English, that "I think the mind of the Israeli people has been changed a lot by the Lebanese war. Compared to my previous visit in May 1982, the anti-war forces here seem much stronger."

Runinkov said he had found the "proof of the change" in the larger number of people who on Saturday attended the celebration of the 1945 victory over Nazism in the Soviet Army forest near Jerusalem, and the intensive activities of such groups as Shalom Akshav and Yesh Gvul (Peace Now and There's A Limit) which he named in Hebrew.

Livni asked Kostanko on his return to Moscow to propose to the Black Sea port city of Odessa to sign a friendship agreement with Haifa "beyond politics." He noted that Odessa already had a twinstip pact with Marseilles, with which Haifa is already linked in twinstip.

Kostanko did not reply to the suggestion, but when pressed by The Jerusalem Post said it was a matter for the Israel-Soviet Friendship Committee to deal with.

Asked about yesterday morning's report that the Soviet authorities were disconnecting the phones of Jews who had contacts with Israel and other foreign countries, he pleaded ignorance.

Runinkov added that the report was "a fabrication" and Soviet citizens with a phone were free to phone abroad. The story was aimed at spoiling the relations, he asserted.

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Moscow's deputy-mayor Anatoly Kostanko (left) receives a book on Haifa yesterday from his Haifa counterpart, Eliezer Alter. (IPPA)

Accused deny charges of murdering Haifa boy

HAIFA (Itim). — Five men accused of murdering 15-year-old Danny Katz last December went on trial here yesterday before a three-member district court, with all of them denying the charges and claiming that their confessions had been wrung from them by force.

The five are Ataf Sabihi, 26, and Ahmed Kuzli, 29, both of the Beidun village Nadi al-Ain, near Tira; Hameel; and Samir Janama, 27, Fathi Janama, 19, and Ali Janin, 20, all from the Lower Galilee village Saknin.

Kuzli and Sabihi are also being held on suspicion of having murdered 22-year-old Dafna Carmon last June. Yesterday, in a separate hearing, their remand was extended for a further 15 days by the magistrate's court.

Following the defence plea that confessions had been forcibly ex-

tracted, a mini-trial on the admissibility of this evidence will apparently be held. The court has asked the defence lawyers to submit their plea in writing.

Further hearings will start on September 2, when the prosecution will start calling its 105 witnesses. Security was heavy at the court house where relatives of the accused and the murdered youth were on hand for the hearing. A member of the Katz family shouted at the defendants: "You won't get out alive."

All the accused have been remanded into custody until the end of the trial with Kuzli being sent for psychiatric observation.

The charge sheet says that the accused kidnapped the Haifa boy near his Danya neighbourhood home, beat him, choked him to death and then four of them sodomized the body.

Kiryat Shmona council meets outside Interior Ministry

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Kiryat Shmona Town Council did not hold its regular weekly meeting at the municipality last night. Instead, the border community's entire 11-member council met in Jerusalem — outside the Interior Ministry offices.

"This is our way of protesting their attitude towards us," Mayor Prosper Azran told The Jerusalem Post. Azran and his fellow council members sat around a table on the sidewalk, in chairs they brought with them, along with the table, from Kiryat Shmona.

The Likud-Herut mayor said the council "inherited" an IS\$275m. deficit when they took office last December. The deficit — which had led to the closing of many vital municipal services — was chalked up by a *vaada k'rua* (ministry-appointed governing council) which ran Kiryat Shmona for three years following the ousting of the elected council for alleged mismanagement.

"Last month," Azran added, "the Interior Ministry graciously gave us IS\$50m. towards erasing that huge deficit. Income tax authorities promptly took their IS\$45m. leaving us with IS\$5m."

The mayor also pointed to damage caused to municipal property by terrorist Katyusha shells and IDF troop movements through the town during

the Litani and Peace for Galilee operations, totalling another IS\$30m.

"Our parks, sidewalks and stone walls have been wrecked, not only by enemy rockets, but also by our own soldiers, who thought nothing of driving right up to a kiosk in their tank to buy a felafl and orangeade," he said.

As the Kiryat Shmona council met, ministry director-general Haim Kubersky huddled with senior aides. "We reject all their arguments and will not become a rubber stamp for every spending spree embarked on by a local authority," a ministry spokesman told The Post. "Cheap demonstrations can never take the place of responsible local government, which means having the guts to trim padded payrolls and get after citizens who are derelict in paying their rates."

The "strike" ended at 7.30 p.m., following a meeting between the council and Shmuel Shemesh, director of the ministry's budget division. Shemesh promised to transfer to Kiryat Shmona an advance of "several million" shekels towards its annual grant by the end of this month.

For their part, the council agreed to allow a ministry auditor to review its books — something the ministry says Kiryat Shmona has refused to do so far.

MD acquitted of indecent behaviour

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A magistrate's court judge here yesterday acquitted a male doctor accused of carrying out indecent acts on a woman patient during an examination.

According to the prosecution, the woman came to the Magen David Adom station in Ramat Gan three years ago on a night when the defendant was on duty there, and complained of dizziness and pains in the chest.

During his examination, it was charged, the doctor placed one of his legs between the plaintiff's legs and stroked her neck. The woman also

said that the doctor was sexually excited as he did this.

The doctor denied that he did anything improper or departed from the usual procedure in examinations.

Judge Aharon Freund, noting that the only prosecution witness was the plaintiff herself, ruled that her testimony was insufficient for conviction. He said that he was persuaded that the defendant had adhered to professional norms in carrying out his examination, which in cases of symptoms such as those described by the woman require a thorough examination of various parts of the body.

IDF contest finals to be broadcast live

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The final phase of the annual IDF contest on knowledge of the country and battle history will be broadcast live on Army Radio and educational television at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 30. Chief Education Officer Tat-Aluf (Brig. Gen.) Yos Eldar told a press conference yesterday.

The finals, which will be held in Kiryat Gat, will revolve around "settlement and development in the

wake of water." Water is important in the army's battle history, Eldar said. As an example, he cited the fact that the first soldiers killed in the War of Independence were guarding water pipelines.

There are five finalists — all men — one each from the Air Force, Northern Command/Golani, stores, engineering and armaments. Eldar said he is sorry that no women have reached the finals in recent years.

Judgeship proposed for Sara Sirotta

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The committee for the selection of judges, headed by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, recommended yesterday that President Chaim Herzog name Central District prosecutor Sara Sirotta as a Tel Aviv District Court judge.

The committee recommended

that Miriam Berenstein (Ben-Shlomo) of the Central District prosecutor's office be appointed a Jerusalem Magistrate's Court judge.

The committee also recommended that attorney Aaron Rumner be appointed to the magistrate's court in Tel Aviv.

April exports up 2 per cent

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter

Exports of goods during April totalled \$370 million, 2 per cent more than in April 1983 when goods worth \$364m. were exported.

During the first third of the year exports totalling some \$1.8 billion were registered, as compared to \$1.65b. for the same period last year, a 7 per cent increase.

Figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed that in the January to April period industrial exports, excluding diamonds, totalled \$1,157m. as compared to \$1,016m. in January to April, 1983.

Industrial exports, excluding diamonds, totalled \$258m. in April, a 16 per cent increase over April, 1983.

The Industry Ministry said yesterday that the figures reinforce its forecasts for a 15 to 18 per cent increase in exports during the current year.

The increase in the export of diamonds during last month was mod-

erate. Last month some \$346m. worth of diamonds were exported, 1 per cent more than in April, 1983. Agricultural exports continued their slump last month, with some \$42m. worth sold abroad. This represented a 29 per cent drop compared with the same month last year.

During the first third of the year agricultural exports totalled \$262m. as compared with \$227m. in the first third of 1983.

Defence establishment controller appointed

TEL AVIV. — Aluf (res.) Shlomo Erel, former commander of the navy, has been appointed defence establishment controller, a government spokesman said yesterday.

Erel, 64, will take up his post in a few weeks, and will also continue to serve as chairman of the Israel Shipyard.

As head of the navy between 1966-1968, Erel was responsible for the planning and construction of Israel's first missile boats.

Erel holds a degree in business administration from Columbia.

Council for Beautiful Israel gives first posthumous award

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

For the first time in its 15-year history, the Council for a Beautiful Israel yesterday bestowed a posthumous award. Bessia Chelivich, founder and president for two terms of the American Friends of CBI, was notified in February that she would be the recipient of the Achiever of a Beautiful Israel award in recognition of her assistance in the creation of islands of greenery across the country. She passed away a few weeks before yesterday's ceremony in Beit Hanassi, Jerusalem.

Her husband Aron received the award in her behalf and heard many tributes to her memory, notably from President Chaim Herzog and from Aura Herzog, international CBI president.

Nine other awards were made to individuals and enterprises for exemplary efforts to beautify the country. Awards were given to Hava Glazinger, Paul Avraham, Yosef Segal and Yitzhak Alfandari.

Medals for group achievements were awarded to Midrashit Noam, Pardes Hanna; the Sewage Purification Works in Safed; the Jerusalem Municipality Integrated Sports Centres and the Tel Aviv Municipality.

Responding on behalf of the medal winners, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat noted the significance of the quality of life and the quality of the environment in attracting new immigrants.

Five years ago the Council for a Beautiful Israel introduced a five-star rating for industry. To qualify for maximum stars, premises must meet high standards of hygiene and aesthetics. In the first year in which the rating system was launched, 80 companies vied for five-star status. This year, there were 300 companies, of which three were accredited gold stars having received five stars for four consecutive years.

The three factories are Teva, Jerusalem; Shahal Hydraulic Services, Lod; and Dor Chemicals, Haifa.

Spacious tunnel found inside Acre city wall

Jerusalem Post Staff

ACRE. — A tunnel 85 metres long, 2½ metres wide and over 12 metres high has been discovered intact inside one of the old city walls here. It is estimated to date from the late 18th century.

Galilee District archaeologist Yehuda Ben-Yosef said on Friday the significance of the find has yet to be

determined. Archaeologists also found entry to another tunnel branching off from the main find, but for the time being they will not touch it.

Nearby, the Old Acre Development Company has started planting a public park and constructing a 3,000-seat amphitheatre costing IS\$5 million.

4 honorary doctorates to be presented at B-G.U.

BEERSHEBA. — Four honorary doctorates will be awarded at the 14th annual meeting of the board of governors of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, which opens this evening. Recipients will be Arnold Forster, legal adviser of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League; Prof. Ephraim Urbach, president of the Israeli National Academy of Sciences; Lord George Weidenfeld, noted British publisher, and Thomas Hecht, Canadian

businessman.

Guest of honour at tonight's opening ceremony will be Yitzhak Navon, Israel's fifth president.

Events scheduled during the meeting include the dedication of the Jacqueline Ann Ayrton Sports Hall and a community health centre in Yeroham. Two chairs in Holocaust studies will be established, one headed by Prof. Aharon Appelfeld and the other headed by Prof. Yisrael Oppenheim.

Herzog gets Lion Cub of Judea award

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three generations of soldiers—the eldest an 86-year-old man who served with the Jewish Legion in World War I—were present at Beit Hanassi yesterday when the Lion Cub of Judea award was conferred on President Chaim Herzog, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Defence Ministry's Division for the Commemoration of Fallen Soldiers.

Herzog was cited for his participation in the struggle against the Nazis in his work in rescuing Holocaust survivors, his contributions to the establishment of the state, and his service as the architect and founder of the IDF Intelligence Corps.

The deputy director-general of the commission, Philip Mathew, received a medal in recognition of the attention the commission has given to the graves of volunteers from Eretz Yisrael who joined the British Army during World Wars I and II.

Six countries—Australia, Britain, Canada, India, New Zealand and South Africa — are members of the commission, which tends 1,750,000 graves in 2,500 cemeteries in 140 countries.

The division was cited for the humane consideration it has shown the families of the fallen. The division has helped the families of volunteers buried abroad by making financial and other arrangements for visiting the graves.

The medals were presented on behalf of the central committee of the Israel War Veterans League.

Sephardi panel to push for more representation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The charter meeting of a national committee of Sephardi communities is to be held today at Beit Sokolov.

According to Shlomo Aboutboul, deputy chairman of the Sephardi Communities Committee in Tel Aviv, the national committee's immediate task will be to exert pressure on the political parties to include more Sephardim on their Knesset slates.

The committee will also work to correct historical misunderstandings. "We are not saying anyone deliberately wants to misrepresent Sephardi history," Aboutboul said. "People just don't know about all our contributions. For example, Tel Aviv would have never been built if there had not been a Sephardi community in Jaffa back in 1840."

Police question head of Palestinian centre

The head of a new Palestinian cultural centre in East Jerusalem was briefly detained by police yesterday for questioning and is to be questioned again this morning.

Francois Abu-Saleem, head of the Nuzha-El Hakawati centre, which opened last week, was summoned yesterday to the Russian Compound and questioned for an hour.

He and his lawyer, Jonathan Kuttab of Ramallah, are to appear for more questioning at police headquarters this morning.

Beth Hatefutsoth Museum of the Jewish Diaspora

A meeting with Prof. Hilmar Hoffmann (Germany) and discussion on "Weekly Newsreels in Germany during the Nazi Regime" The Discussion will take place at Beth Hatefutsoth, B'nai Zion Auditorium on Tuesday, May 15, 1984 at 8.30 p.m. The evening will be conducted in English, and will be accompanied by excerpts from the German newsreels, (in cooperation with the Goethe Institute — German Cultural Centre and the Department of Television and Cinema, Tel Aviv University). Participants: Prof. Hilmar Hoffmann, Dr. Aryeh Carmon, Dr. Yehuda Ne'eman. The public is invited.

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Indian forces ordered to shoot rioters on sight

AMRITSAR, India (AP). — Authorities ordered paramilitary troops and police to shoot rioters on sight in Jullundur yesterday as violence continued despite the imposition of a round-the-clock curfew.

The authorities also clamped 24-hour curfews on the Sikh holy city of Amritsar and on Patiala.

Widespread rioting and arson erupted late Saturday after the assassination of a leading Indian newspaper editor in a daylight ambush in downtown Jullundur, 85 kilometres southeast of this Sikh holy city.

Ramesh Chander, editor-in-chief of a local newspaper chain, was shot several times by four Sikh terrorists armed with submachine guns and automatic pistols.

Chander, 58, was the son of Jagat Narain, the founder and editor of the newspaper group who was assassinated by Sikh terrorists in September

1981.

Meanwhile, a militant organization, the Hindu Self-Defence Army, called for a daylong shutdown today in Punjab and neighbouring states to protest against the slaying, which Indian President Zail Singh called a "great blow to Indian democracy."

Reacting to the killing, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi warned that the "campaign of terror" in Sikh-dominated Punjab was "disfiguring the nation."

Chander and his late father had been outspoken critics of Sikh terrorism. An obscure court aligned with Sikh terrorist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale claimed responsibility for the assassination.

Bhindranwale, who operates from the sanctuary of Amritsar's Golden Temple, was accused by police of masterminding the killing of Chander's father.

Soviets to U.S.: Don't militarize space

NEW DELHI (AP). — A top Soviet space official has invited the U.S. to negotiate the demilitarization of outer space but warned the Soviet Union can and will counter any U.S. threats.

"If the Americans militarize the space against our country, we will have no option but to counter their move," Gen. Vladimir Shatalov told the United News of India in an

interview carried yesterday.

Shatalov is the space adviser to the Soviet air chief and is a veteran cosmonaut of three space flights. He is accompanying the Soviet Indian space crew on a tour of India.

Shatalov said the Soviet Union is "apprehensive" about the military potential of the U.S. space shuttle Challenger because it "can be used for defence purposes."

Genghis Khan's mausoleum getting a facelift

PEKING (Reuters). — The Mausoleum of Genghis Khan, founder of the feared Mongol empire that stretched from Europe to China in the 13th century, is getting a facelift.

The site in southwest Inner Mongolia, believed to be the actual burial place of the Mongol leader, will be renovated to include 2,000 square

metres of murals depicting life at the Khan's court and his achievements, *The People's Daily* said.

The Chinese Communists first built a mausoleum at the site in 1956 and Genghis Khan, who said life's greatest pleasure was to "slaughter your enemies, steal their cattle, embrace their women," is now revered as a national hero.

Kaunda bid to salvage Namibia talks

LUSAKA (Reuters). — Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda was locked in negotiations here yesterday in an attempt to salvage an acrimonious all-party conference on Namibian (South West African) independence.

Conference sources said Kaunda and his co-chairman, South Africa's administrator-general for Namibia Willie van Niekerk, hoped to find enough common ground between opposing delegations to justify a joint final communiqué.

The closed-door conference has

brought together the black nationalist guerrilla movement Swapo (South West Africa People's Organization), a South African delegation led by Van Niekerk, and representatives of Namibian internal black parties.

Talks were extended yesterday into a third, unscheduled day with Swapo warning of the danger of collapse because of intransigence by the internal parties. These parties, fostered by Pretoria, are regarded as puppets by Swapo.

The guerrilla group has been fight-

ing a bush campaign for nearly 18 years for the independence of Namibia.

Under the UN plan Swapo, as the party most likely to win independence elections, would have the right to introduce the fledgling nation's constitution. South Africa and the internal parties argue that the document should be agreed beforehand.

Conference sources said that with substantive agreement now unlikely Kaunda was trying to arrange a further meeting.

Libyan forces kill conspiracy leader

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Libyan security forces in Tripoli Saturday shot dead a terrorist leader whose men were wiped out last Tuesday after occupying a building in the Libyan capital, the official Libyan news agency Jana said yesterday.

The man, named as Wajdi Ash-Shwehdi, was killed while trying to escape from "revolutionary forces" who had discovered his hideout, the agency said.

Jana said on Tuesday that the terrorists had taken women and children hostage, and when the terror-

ists refused to surrender, security forces stormed the building and killed them.

Most other conspirators were arrested after the security forces found their names on the dead bodies of those in the building, it added.

Libyan exiles in London said the terrorists, on a mission to assassinate Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, were wiped out in a five-hour gun-battle during which they killed scores of Gaddafi's personal bodyguards.

China executes three for massive coal scam

PEKING (AP). — Chinese Communist authorities executed three people and jailed 14 in connection with a coal-selling crime ring that netted more than 10 million yuan (\$5 million), *The Workers Daily* reported yesterday.

The newspaper said Wu Zhongtang, Zhi Shiping and Xu Lanpin were executed Saturday on orders of the Intermediate People's Court in the Henan provincial capital of Zhengzhou.

It said they fabricated official-looking documents and bribed functionaries at railway stations and coal mines to sell them thousands of tons

of coal, which they then resold at higher prices in Henan, Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Guangdong provinces. The scam covered four provinces.

Coal is China's major energy source, but widespread shortages have been reported because of inadequate transportation and corruption in the country's railway system.

OIL. — A new well drilled by Libya north-west of the Abul-Tifel oilfield in the last few days is producing 4,500 barrels of oil and 18 million cubic feet of gas per day, the official Libyan news agency Jana said yesterday.

Filipinos urged to boycott elections

MANILA (Reuters). — About 10,000 protesters held an anti-election rally in Manila yesterday as security forces prepared to meet threats to disrupt today's parliamentary poll.

Speakers at the rally urged voters to boycott the election, the first in the Philippines since martial law was lifted three years ago.

They claimed it would only serve to prolong what they called the repressive regime of President Ferdinand Marcos.

The boycott movement called for a noise barrage last night, but witnesses said the call drew only minor response.

British hostages freed

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — Sixteen Britons and the Portuguese wife of one of them arrived in Johannesburg yesterday after being freed by Angolan anti-government rebels who held them captive for two months.

They flew to freedom in a chartered aircraft after a senior British diplomat travelled to Southern Angola to meet Jonas Savimbi, leader of the Union for the Total Independence of Angola rebel group.

China to contest Olympics but Soviet 'No' said final

LOS ANGELES. — China will definitely send a team to the Los Angeles Olympics, games officials said yesterday.

A letter accepting an invitation to attend the games was handed to Olympics official Charles Lee in Peking and the news was received yesterday morning by games chief Peter Ueberroth, a spokesman said.

The acceptance by China, long an ideological foe of the Soviet Union, was expected. The decision means that China and Nationalist-ruled Taiwan will compete against each other for the first time at an Olympics.

In Paris, meanwhile, Victor Louis, the Soviet reporter who first disclosed Moscow's decision to boycott the Los Angeles Olympics, said yesterday that the Kremlin will under no circumstances reverse its decision to pull out, but is unlikely to organize a simultaneous counter-Olympics somewhere in the Soviet bloc.

Louis is often used by the Kremlin to leak stories to the West.

In an article written in Moscow for the Paris Sunday paper *Journal de Dimanche*, Louis said, "There has been a lot of talk of a counter-Olympic games which the Soviet Union may organize in the Bulgarian capital, Sofia. But this matter requires reflection, because the Russians know that such a decision would probably exclude them from the IOC," he said.

Louis said the Russian boycott was largely caused by the campaign against the Soviet participation in the U.S., and by the "humiliation" of American visa requirements. The U.S. government's refusal to allow an *Izvestia* correspondent to visit Los Angeles may have been "the last straw" leading to the final decision, he added.

"The Russians are more touchy than the Americans about certain details," Louis said. "A Russian could not imagine that someone could be allowed to set badges in Russia — on the pretext of free speech — inscribed with the slogan, 'Kill an American.'" (Reuters, AP).

Newlyweds' kidnappers want \$2m.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP). — The kidnappers of a newlywed American couple delivered a second ransom note yesterday threatening to execute the couple in 24 hours unless the Sri Lankan government pays \$2 million in gold and releases 20 rebels.

The national security minister also announced that a U.S. government anti-terrorist squad was on the way to Sri Lanka to help and could arrive "at any time."

The parents of Stanley and Mary Allen, meanwhile, issued an appeal from their home in Ohio to the Tamil separatist abductors to spare their children's lives and free them.

The deadline set by the kidnappers expires today at noon.

President Junius Jaywardene said, however, his country would refuse to pay ransom to kidnappers who want to establish a separate state in his island nation.

In an interview published yesterday in the *Indian Express*, he urged Tamils abroad, especially in the U.S., to stop financing the separatist movement.

The couple were kidnapped last Friday from their home in Jaffna, northern Sri Lanka. The People's Liberation Army, a Tamil separatist group which claimed the Allens are American spies, claimed responsibility.

Good start for New Orleans world fair

NEW ORLEANS (AP). — Despite its financial troubles, the 1984 World's Fair opened and closed the first of its 184 days on Saturday with flashy bursts of fireworks.

It followed a frantic overnight cleanup that transformed the debris-strewn site into a showplace of fantasy and fun. Just before midnight, fair officials said opening day attendance was 62,746.

The theme for the fair — "The World of Rivers: Fresh Water as a Source of Life" — was evident everywhere, from the lagoons and man-made lakes that greeted visitors passing through the front gates on the edge of downtown New Orleans to the banks of the Mississippi River.

Highlights included a monorail that provided a quick tour of the site and a gondola ride to carry fairgoers 110 metres high across the river.

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Sports

Israeli hoopsters open Olympic quest against Bulgaria—if they arrive

By DON GOULD

Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — With the issue of whether the Soviet Union and its Eastern bloc allies will stay away from the Los Angeles Olympics still up in the air, Israel's National basketball squad goes directly into the fray against East European opposition in Grenoble tomorrow in the opening match of the pre-Olympic qualifying tournament. They play Bulgaria.

The Bulgarians have already announced that they will join the planned Russian boycott but with a first week in June deadline for changing their minds it appears that all the East European contingents will participate in this week's preliminaries just in case.

Israel will follow up the opener with a game against England on Wednesday and conclude

the group games against Holland on Thursday afternoon.

The top two teams in the group advance with six qualifiers from the other three sections to compete in the round-robin final pool of eight for the three remaining European spots for L.A. Yugoslavia, the 1980 Olympic gold medalists, and Italy, the European champions, have gone through automatically.

The Soviet Union beat France 119-105 in a friendly warm-up match in Toulouse.

Lakers Away

In the NBA playoffs Bob McAdoo scored 12 of his 20 points in the final quarter as the Los Angeles Lakers downed the Phoenix Suns 110-94 in the opening game of their Western Conference final series.

Mike McGee added 17 points for the Lakers and Magic Johnson had 16. Walter Davis led the Phoenix scoring with 24 points and Alvin Adams added 15.

Festive crowds for London Marathon which provides 1-2-3 home nation sweep

LONDON (AP). — Charlie Spedding of England was the surprise winner of the 1984 London Marathon yesterday in a time of two hours, nine minutes, 56 seconds.

Another Englishman, Kevin Foster, from the same Goshend Harriers club, was second in 2:11.42 with Dennis Fowles placing third in a 2:13.30 second for the home nation.

The best foreigner, James Hanges of Tanzania, led for long stretches of the 42.2 km. race but paid the penalty for his blistering early pace, winking in the closing stages and finished sixth.

Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway set the second fastest marathon time ever by a woman, clocking an unofficial 2:24.26 for a new course record.

A total of 18,270 runners from 83 nations, a world record entry, began the race at Greenwich in south-east

London. Thousands of people lining the route shouted encouragement to the athletes as they weaved their way in a snake-like mass along the scenic and historic course past Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace.

Sporting and showbusiness personalities mingled with politicians and Olympic hopefuls as marathon enthusiasts from all walks of life joined in.

A carnival atmosphere prevailed with the field including a kangaroo, a pantomime horse, two men dressed as bride and groom and eight Norwegians dressed as Vikings and carrying the framework of a longboat. Teams of sponsored runners raised £4m. for a variety of charities.

Nervous finish pips pitcher

NEW YORK (AP). — Cincinnati's Mario Soto came within one pitch of a no-hitter against St. Louis before George Hendrick homered with two outs in the ninth inning, but the Reds eventually beat the Cardinals 2-1 in Saturday's baseball action.

Soto, who struck out 12 in pitching his second career no-hitter, threw two strikes past Hendrick, who then batted off two pitches. After taking two balls, Hendrick defied the next delivery well over the 375-foot mark in left field for his second home run of the season, tying the score at 1-1. The Reds won it in the bottom of the

ninth as Dave Concepcion singled, stole second and scored off Brad Golden's one-out single.

"As soon as I threw the pitch I said, 'That's trouble,'" said Soto, who said the pitch in Hendrick was a changeup. "I was too nervous," Soto said. "I just couldn't stand it out there."

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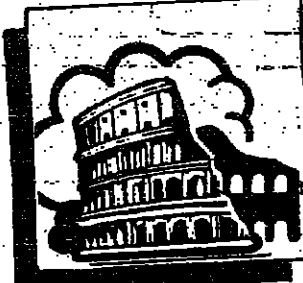


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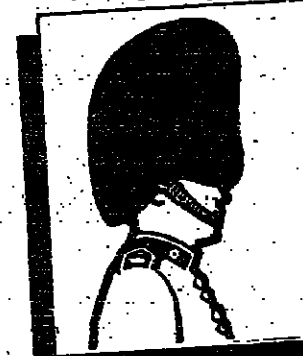


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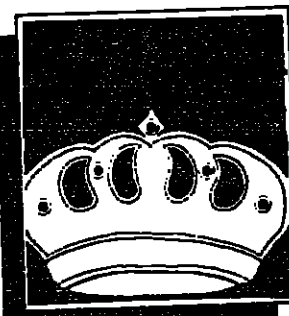
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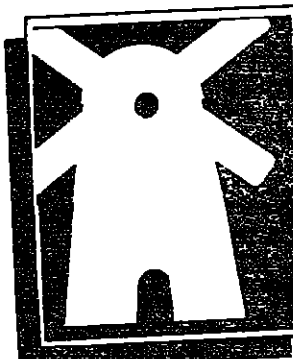
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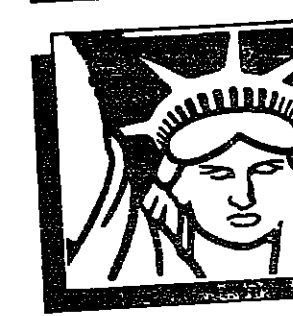
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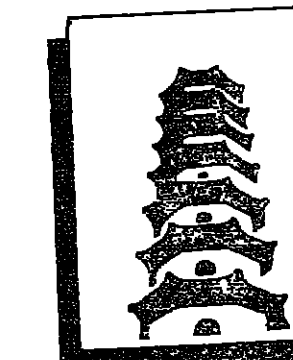


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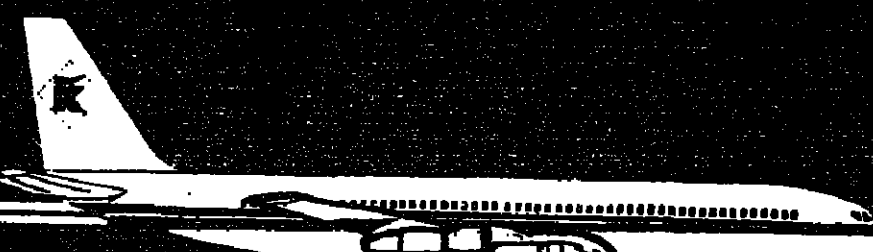
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A long list of demands

Yitzhak Wellber, the man likely to be named head of the Histadrut Teachers Union this week talks to The Post's Lea Levavi about schools and their needs.

THE HISTADRUT Teachers Union can be expected to take a stronger stand on budget cuts, school autonomy and other controversial educational issues should Yitzhak Wellber become the union's new secretary-general, as expected, after the union's elections this Wednesday.

"There are those in the Ministry of Education who look forward to working with a stronger union leader," Wellber said, "but there are others, including Minister Zevulun Hammer, who are not very happy about it."

Wellber, 40, was born in Jerusalem and has been living and teaching in Beersheba since 1965. In 1970, shortly after he became principal of the Amal High School there, he was asked to become active in the local branch of the Histadrut Teachers Union.

"I had to ask what the Histadrut Teachers Union was," he admits. "Until then, I hadn't been involved in union activities or in politics at all."

Wellber, who has been deputy secretary-general under outgoing union leader Amnon Abramson, takes exception to the word "militant" when asked if he will be more militant than his predecessor.

"I distinguish between strength and radicalism. I think I will be stronger. I don't see the Histadrut Teachers Union as merely a trade union; I want it to be a national movement of educators."

"The Ministry of Education makes a new announcement each morning about cutting the education budget or making other changes, without consulting the teachers who actually do the work. That has to stop."

He says his union will not allow the new school year to open in September if there are further cuts in the "living flesh" of education. He is also concerned about the ministry's plans to give the schools more autonomy. Autonomy may be good in principle, but Wellber fears that in practice it will just be a new name for further cuts.

"When the state was first established, one of the first laws passed was the compulsory free education law — despite the country's precarious security and economic situation."

"Today we are much stronger and our economic situation, though not good, is better than it was then. There is money to bribe us with videos, but no money for improving education."

"In fact, we run the risk of education sliding back to the 19th century: a blackboard, chalk and the necessary basic academic subjects, without the things that make a child a well-rounded person."

WELLBER WANTS to propose a law which will require all children from age two to benefit from compulsory free education. It is a better investment than free high school education, he says.

"Perhaps it is easier for the politicians to support free high school education, because the results can be seen at the polls. They will have to wait 15 years to get results at the ballot box if they provide compulsory education for two-year-olds, but providing educational opportunities at an early age can help bridge social and cultural gaps and can bring better results in the long term."



"We run the risk of education sliding back to the 19th century: a blackboard, chalk and the necessary basic academic subjects, without the things that make a child a well-rounded person," says Yitzhak Wellber. (Lea Levavi)

On the subject of the ballot box, Wellber does not believe the Histadrut Teachers Union elections have any implications as a predictor of the results in the Knesset elections. The Likud only has 7 per cent in the Histadrut Teachers Union; the Alignment has 54 per cent, a non-partisan list of teachers has about 10 per cent and the religious teachers have the rest. Those figures have been fairly constant for a long time, he says, and even if there are slight changes this time, he does not think they are indicative of what will happen on July 23.

"I think the atmosphere in the country at the moment is favourable to the Alignment, but that was true a few months before the 1981 elections, too. Maybe this time people are wiser, though."

He intends to demand that the Alignment, if it forms the next government, not give the education portfolio to any other party. The education portfolio, he said, is no

less important than economics, foreign affairs or defence.

"The only resource we have is people," he says, "If we educate them well, we can go far. If not, we have nothing."

The membership census taken in preparation for the elections showed that the union has 65,000 members, including 7,000 Arab teachers and 15,000 teachers in junior high and high schools. Wellber says he will work to eliminate the Arab Department at the Ministry of Education so that Arab teachers, like their Jewish colleagues, will be under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education regional office serving the area where they teach.

"It is ridiculous for a teacher from the Galilee to have to go all the way to Jerusalem to settle a matter connected with his salary," the future secretary-general says, adding that he will also raise the issue of schools in the Arab sector.

"It is shameful that there are still

Arab schools in Israel without toilets for the pupils. I'm not talking about beautiful buildings with marble and porcelain; I'm talking about the necessities which are every citizen's right."

Wellber has a long list of demands for which he intends to fight, but he says strike will be the last resort. "Unfortunately, the only way you can get people to listen to you is to set definite limits and stick to them, but I think that we can convince the intelligent people at the Ministry — and there are some — that we are right." He wants to set up a Pedagogical Council in the union which will be the opposite number of the Ministry's Pedagogical Secretariat.

"We want to do our own research and use the data to develop alternatives to the ministry's policies in such areas as the school reform (junior high schools) and school autonomy. The ideas the council formulates will be a tool I can use in negotiating with the ministry."

CURRENT TREASURE

By ESTHER HECHT/Special to The Jerusalem Post

IT'S A sure sign that summer is at hand when the *ajoum* start rolling. *Ajoum*, as any schoolchild can tell you, are apricot pits. Valued abroad for their supposed medicinal properties, they are cherished here for themselves.

Mothers are hounded by their children to buy apricots as soon as they hit the market, even though the fruit is still sour and exorbitantly priced. The little darlings, of course, are interested only in the pits, and heaven help the mother who inadvertently throws them away. This divergence of interests is sometimes called "the generation gap."

My son was never happier than the year I decided to lay in a lifetime supply of homemade apricot jam. When I got done pitting six crates of fruit, he became the neighbourhood king of *ajoum*.

Will he grow up to be a tycoon? Every day he reports: "I went to school with three *ajoum*, and I came home with 13." Where do the new ones come from? Some are won in a game similar to marbles; and this six-year-old is a sharpshooter.

Some come from a game I would call "Scramble." One kid drops a handful of *ajoum* from a height, above a crowd of players, and they all scramble for the treasured pits. I have a feeling that my kid always gets some, because his elbows are sharper and he pushes harder than

the others. He definitely will go far in business.

But now he's only in first grade and can't manage complicated addition, so when he adds the day's earnings to his previous capital, he has to count it all again. There he sits, surrounded by his *ajoum*, counting away, rather like Robinson Crusoe, that prototypical Protestant capitalist, taking stock of his possessions.

JUST WHEN the banks are doing away with cheques, so that wealth can change hands without even these symbolic markers, my son is getting into hard currency, a tangible medium of exchange. There's nothing like a coffee can full of *ajoum* to make you feel on top of the world. Consider the phrase, "worth its weight in *ajoum*."

Suppose our government were to impose some of its draconian taxes on the *ajou* trade. I envision the country's coffers filling up with the hard, round objects. We could link the shekel to them, just as the dollar was once linked to gold. "The *ajou* standard," they'd call it, and it would be stable as long as *ajoum* were plentiful supply.

The *ajou* market, however, is short-lived, lasting no more than the month from the time apricots first appear on fruit stands till the time school lets out for the summer. By fall *ajoum* are forgotten, tossed out

by mothers who are fed up with picking them up off the floor, or who discover hidden caches among the socks and underwear.

Come fall the stock-in-trade will again be picture trading cards. Smurf cards (*Dardassim* in Hebrew), which in spring played second fiddle to *ajoum*, will be out, and a new series will become the symbol of wealth.

Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned from our capitalist children. It might be wise, when our money loses its trading value — like Superman, Star Blazers and E.T. picture cards, which you can't even give away today — to junk the series and start afresh with a whole new issue.

That was the idea behind the switchover from the lira to the shekel, but that was a one-shot operation. To judge by the level of activity each new card series inspires in our offspring, a similar system for the nation would give periodic, much-needed boosts to the economy. And instead of perpetuating the memory of people long dead, we could emulate our children by exchanging markers bearing pictures of our current heroes. For example, one "Shamir" would be worth ten "Sharons," which in turn would be worth 100 "Cohen-Orgads." This would give a new meaning to the word "currency," and best of all, would restore an element of fun to our lives.



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By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

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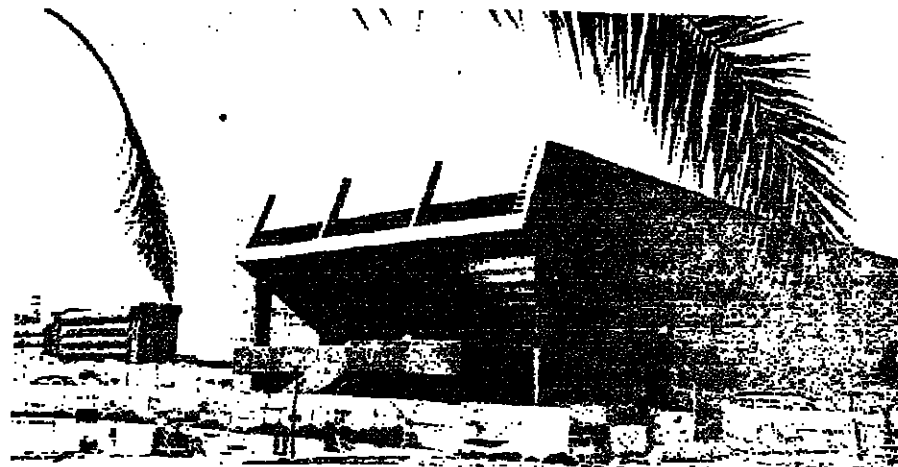
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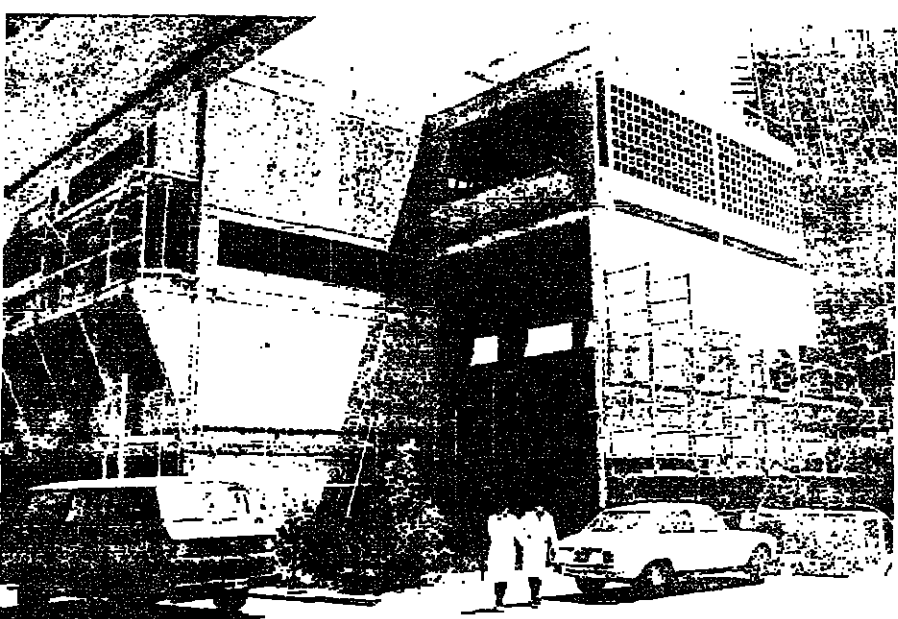
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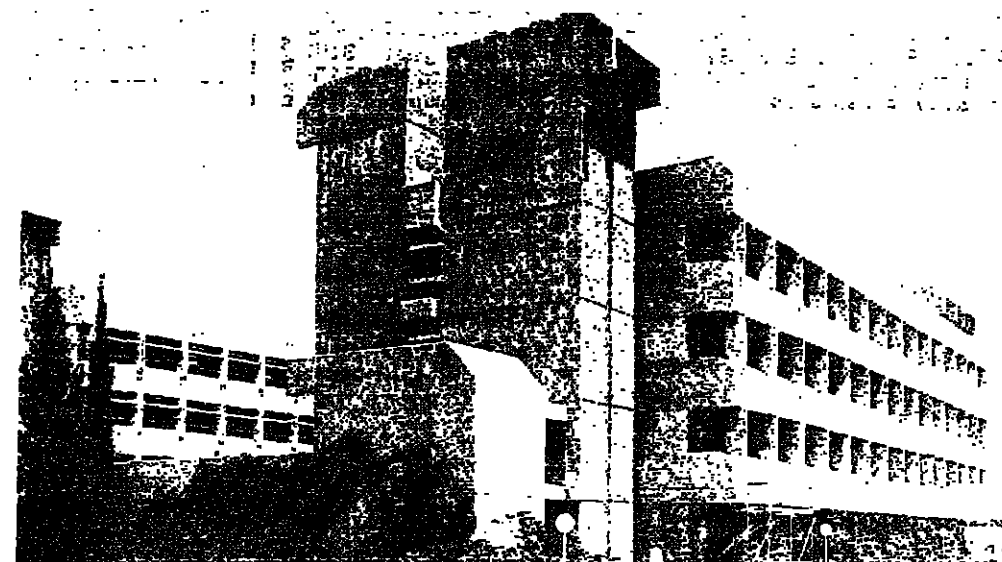
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 14th ANNUAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING



Monday, 14 May, 1984
Dedication of the Jacqueline Ann Ayrton Sports Hall
Dedication of the Sidney R. and Esther V. Rabb Center for Holocaust and Redemption Studies
Inauguration of the Yaakov and Poriah Avnon Chair in Holocaust Studies
Dedication of the Thomas O. Hecht Community Health Program in Yeruham
Opening of the Exhibition - Hava Mehtan - New Work
Presentation of Doctorates and Honorary Doctorates



Tuesday, 15 May, 1984
Inauguration of the André Feher Chair for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases
Inauguration of the Eugene Hecht Chair in Clinical Pharmacology
Dedication of the Weiler-Arnov Medical Education Building



Wednesday, 16 May, 1984
Inauguration of the Carol and Barry Kaye Chair in Applied Sciences
Dedication of the Sir John and Lady Cohen Building
Dedication of the Zlotowski Dormitories
Thursday, 17 May, 1984
Unveiling of the plaque of the new names on the Founders' Wall

Beer-Sheva - May 14... The 14th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev convenes here today, with participants from Israel, Australia, Austria, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, South Africa, Belgium, France, Canada, Switzerland, and the United States. During a week of ceremonies and consultations, the Board Members will plan for the coming year. Beer-Sheva will host the activities which will take place on Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's campuses throughout the city.

Today, the opening day of the Board of Governors Meeting, will see several auspicious dedications and ceremonies.

The Jacqueline Ann Ayrton Sports Hall will be dedicated. Guest of Honor at the Dedication will be M.K. Abba Eban. The Sidney R. and Esther V. Rabb Center for Holocaust and Redemption Studies will be dedicated in the presence of the Center's Director, Prof. Yisrael Oppenheim of the BGU Department of History. Guest of Honor at the Dedication will be Prof. Joshua Prawer. The Yaakov and Poriah Avnon Chair in Holocaust Studies will be inaugurated during the same time. Incumbent of the new Chair is the famous author and Israel Prize Winner, BGU Faculty Member Prof. Aharon Appelfeld.

One of the Meeting's events will take place in Yeruham, where the Thomas O. Hecht Community Health Program will be dedicated at the Kupat Holim Clinic there, in cooperation with the Kupat Holim Hakehalit.

A new Exhibition will open at the Avraham Baron Art Gallery. Hava Mehtan will present new work. Visiting hours at the Gallery: Sunday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., at the New Campus in Beer-Sheva.

The Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Honorary Doctor of Philosophy will be bestowed this evening. Arnold Forster of New York, Thomas O. Hecht of Canada, Prof. Ephraim Urbach of the Hebrew University, and Lord Weidenfeld of Chelsea, will be the recipients of the Honorary Degrees. Yitzhak Navon, Fifth President of Israel, will be Guest of Honor in the proceedings in which 12 graduates will officially receive their Ph.D's. A Festive Reception will conclude the day's activities.

Tuesday begins with the Inauguration Ceremonies of two Chairs - the André Feher Chair for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases, in the presence of the Chair Holder, Prof. Mosche Gueron, and the Eugene Hecht Chair in Clinical Pharmacology, with the Chair's Incumbent Prof. Avraham Danon. Guest of Honor at the Ceremony will be Prof. Moshe Arens, Minister of Defense.

The Weiler-Arnov Medical Education Building will be dedicated later in the day, in the presence of Mr. Samuel Lewis, Ambassador of the U.S. to Israel.

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Carol and Barry Kaye Chair in Applied Sciences and the Dedication of the Kaye Plaza will take place on Wednesday in the presence of Prof. Zvi Pelah, Incumbent of the Chair. Prof. Ephraim Katzir, fourth President of Israel, will be Guest of Honor at the event. Also on Wednesday, the Sir John and Lady Cohen Building will be dedicated, with Guest of Honor Mr. Patrick Hamilton Moberly, CMG, Ambassador of Great Britain to Israel, participating in the festive event.

The day's activities will be concluded with the Dedication of the Zlotowski Dormitories.

On Thursday, last day of the Board Meeting, the new names on the Founders' Wall will be unveiled. A festive luncheon will mark the conclusion of a week of ceremonies and consultations.

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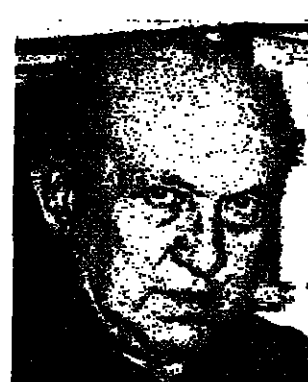
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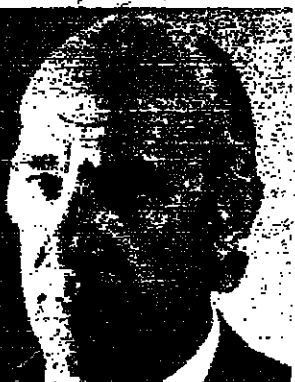
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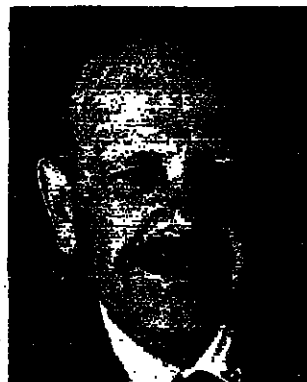
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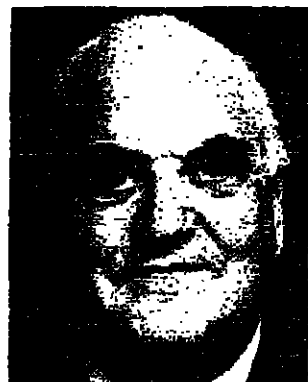
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Australia and Israel: a tilting relationship

By RODNEY GOUTTMAN/Special to The Jerusalem Post



Prime Minister Bob Hawke



Foreign Minister Bill Hayden

MUCH OF the comment in this country about the relations between Australia and Israel is coloured by age-old Jewish attitudes of approaching political reality with a healthy dose of hope. That the relationship is not what it once was should not come as a shock to those willing to examine the contemporary nexus honestly.

Australia's unwillingness to support openly Israel's request for membership in the Asian region of the International Labour Organization (ILO) is a symptom of the changed circumstances. A cardinal element in the relationship between Australia and Israel has traditionally been the fraternal links between their labour movements and the contacts in the Socialist International. The fact that Australia has not given Israel forthright support over the ILO is especially significant in view of the background of Prime Minister Bob Hawke — a long-term leader in the Australian labour movement, a well-respected activist in the ILO and a great supporter of Israel in this international body.

This latest tension in Australia-Israel relations unfortunately cannot be seen as an isolated incident, but is one of a series of recent events that have undermined once-solid Australian support for Israel. It is connected with at least two other events that have occurred since the Hawke Labour government came to power in 1983 — elevated diplomatic contacts with the PLO and the granting of permission to the Arab League office to open an office (albeit under restricted circumstances).

It has been argued in Australia, even by Jews on the left, that the difficulties of the Australian labour movement with Israel began with the election of the Begin Government. Undoubtedly, the Likud government's policies and actions with regard to the West Bank and Lebanon have increased tensions. However, there already existed a growing disaffection towards Israel in the Australian labour movement.

Under the catchword of "even-handedness" a Labour government elected in 1972, took a distinctively pro-Arab tilt. This government was led by Gough Whitlam, now Australia's ambassador to UNESCO. Among the reasons for this change were Whitlam's desire to divorce his foreign policy from that of the U.S., to champion the aspirations of the Third World and non-aligned nations; to take advantage of burgeoning Arab oil; and to ensure continued oil supplies although Australia produces 70 per cent of the oil it needs.

This redirection of policy towards Israel was explained publicly by the argument that the Palestinian case should be given equal voice to Israel's. The fact that many individuals and groups, especially within the Labour movement, were already promoting the Palestinian position was conveniently disregarded. Whitlam's favouring of the Arab position

was no doubt a factor in a major conflict in the Labour Party in which Arab monies were solicited to restore funds depleted by electioneering. The group of four involved in this included Whitlam, the leader of the anti-Israel, socialist left faction of the party, and a person reported to have been a member of an anti-Semitic right-wing organization.

There is little doubt that Whitlam would not have been averse to a stronger and more formalized PLO presence in Australia. This sentiment filtered into Australia's voting policy at the UN though any connection between Zionism and racism was rejected. Australia's position became wedded to Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis of a just resolution of the Arab-Israel conflict. The decline during the Whitlam era in the quality of the Australia-Israel relationship did not coincide with Israel being led by a Likud government. Labour was in power.

THE LIBERAL-Country Party government that came to power in Australia late in 1975 overall took a more sympathetic line towards Israel although members of its rural wing, with an eye on potential Arab markets for Australian manufacture and primary production, needed to be overruled by their prime minister. Its anti-Soviet posture and support of the American alliance meant that Australia welcomed the Camp David Accords, though it acquiesced to requests for Australian troops for the peace-keeping force in Sinai only after intense debate within the government, and after extracting assurances that the contingent would not form part of a rapid-deployment force.

The return of a Labour government in 1983, this time under Bob Hawke, has restored tension to the Australia-Israel connection. This government has asserted that its upgrading of diplomatic contact with the PLO does not *de facto* constitute recognition, as this would not be granted until the PLO recognizes Israel's right to exist. This action, it is claimed, comes from an Australian need to gather information on the Arab-Israel conflict from all sides. The Labour Party platform, however, not only supports Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, but it also advocates Palestinian self-determination and the right of Palestinians to a state of their own if they so desire. The mechanics of such a development is studiously avoided.

The importance of symbolic acts in international relations is well-known. The upgrading of diplomatic contacts with the PLO will not affect the quality of advice given to the Australian government through overseas missions. Foreign Minister Bill Hayden, when leader of the Labour opposition in 1980, met with Yasser Arafat in Beirut. Since then he has met PLO activists, official or otherwise, both in and out of Australia. The point is that the upgrading of diplomatic contact with the PLO will be seen, as it was meant to be, by the Arab world as a cabinet-level change of policy favouring its cause.

The Australian prime minister has

given the assurance that were an Arab League office set up in Australia, it would not have diplomatic status, harbour PLO officials or be allowed to organize a boycott of Israeli products. Apart from fundamental questions as to what constitutes a PLO representative — such persons are active in Australia — and how would the behaviour of such an office be monitored and by whom, the relevance of the assurance needs to be questioned. Australia has no anti-boycott legislation. In two states of Australia the Department of Trade has been exposed advising potential clients of Arab states as to what those countries' desires are vis-a-vis contacts with Israel. Private, respected commercial organizations are doing the same.

PROBLEMS OVER the ILO candidacy, the upgrading of PLO contact, the future of Australian troops in Sinai, and the pattern of Australian voting at the UN reflects not simply a battle of opinions over the Arab-Israeli conflict within the Australian Labour Party and the Australian labour movement, but also what this struggle symbolizes in the factionalism that characterizes both entities. Contentious over this Middle East confrontation often has little to do with what is actually occurring in the region.

Though Prime Minister Hawke at present enjoys enormous popularity among the electorate, this is not necessarily true regarding sections of his own party. On the contrary, his popularity angers those who see Hawke's policies as anathema, and those who view his style as contrary

to the role of a Labour leader. It was only a sudden change of heart on the part of a few party members, who considered Hawke as potentially a better vote-getter than Hayden, that brought the former to his leadership of the party.

Hawke's isolation of the left in his Cabinet, his pragmatic approach to social and economic management and his disregarding of the party's platform on matters close to the heart of the left, such as uranium mining, East Timor and Sinai, have strengthened opposition. It is axiomatic in the Australian Labour Party that defeats are not forgotten but merely shelved for a more propitious moment.

It is public record that both Foreign Minister Bill Hayden and Deputy Prime Minister Lionel Bowen, neither members of the anti-Israel Socialist left faction, would wish Australia to support a stronger pro-Palestinian position within Australia and at international forums. Their sentiments are shared by several younger party members who also are not normally associated with the Socialist left. It is difficult now to attract support for a pro-Israel position in the cabinet, and this situation is unlikely to change.

Bob Hawke's electoral popularity is both his strength and weakness. Popularity breeds expectations, often totally unrealistic ones. His continued popularity will depend not on foreign policy, for this rarely determines the fate of governments in Australia, but on his economic and social management of the nation. One of Australia's former Labour leaders, Ben Chifley, once

commented that the Australian electorate is dictated to by the "hip-pocket nerve." Despite his popularity, Hawke realizes that he cannot alienate significant factions within the party, and that at times he will

have to compromise and this is no less in his support of Israel.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S belief in the State of Israel has been successfully tested on many occasions, often at great cost to himself and his family. However, in a political sense, more difficult tests are yet to come. The sheer volume of work associated with the position of prime minister and the necessity of having to balance numerous competing claims from the electorate, the public and private sectors of the economy, the Labour movement, party, and cabinet, may well limit his ability to influence his government's policy on the Middle East. The influence of his foreign minister will thus increase accordingly. Bill Hayden's role should not be underestimated. His stamp is all over the recent decisions to upgrade diplomatic contact with the PLO and granting of permission to open an Arab League office. Had the prime minister's restraining hand not been in action over both these matters, the outcome for Israel would have been far more severe.

Bills Hayden's approach to the Arab-Israel conflict will be affected by at least three factors: his personal view of the conflict; his wish to project an independent and activist foreign policy, one less strongly aligned with the interests of the U.S.; and his politically pragmatic desire not to upset certain factions in the party whose support he might need should Hawke's popularity wane or should his colleagues decide that a new leader is necessary, irrespective of popularity.

A significant number in the Labour Party would support a more independent foreign policy, one showing that Australia does not al-

ways automatically follow the lead of the Americans. In this context, a withdrawal of Australian troops from Sinai could be seen to demonstrate that Washington can no longer take Australia for granted. Such an action would be very popular with the left. Australia is no exception to the common phenomenon that the closer one is to the left of the political spectrum, the more likely one is to be anti-Israel, pro-Arab, and especially pro-Palestinian. The "old left" with its sympathies for the struggles of the Jewish State has been dying off or disregarded as they are replaced by those who consider Israel the imperialist Satan of the western world.

In the current political climate in Australia, it would be very foolish for Israel's friends to expect too much of Bob Hawke, both as a man and as a politician. It would be poor policy to put all faith in one person, for tomorrow he may not be there. Hawke's sincerity is not in question, but he is first and foremost an Australian prime minister whose personal desire is to prolong his electoral survival. His contribution as a major asset to Israel may well lie in his restraining hand rather than in his initiating role.

The rhetoric suggesting Australia's traditional support for Israel has not diminished cannot be allowed to camouflage the fact that profound changes have occurred in their relationship, which date from the years immediately following the Yom Kippur War.

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Different Zionist philosophy

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A JEW IS anyone who identifies with the Jewish people and considers himself a Jew, regardless of whether he meets the Halachic definition.

This is one of five principles which form the basis of a booklet, *Toward Social Zionism*, published by the Institute for Social Zionism and presented at a press conference in Tel Aviv last week.

The Institute for Social Zionism is a group of intellectuals and educators which banded together about three years ago to try to offer an alternative philosophy to existing ways of thinking. All political parties do is talk about the symptoms, not the basic problems, they believe. They hope to change this.

"One of the most sacred cows of traditional Zionism is the negation of the Diaspora," Yigal Eilam, a historian, said. "But it's a lie. We want money and political support from the Diaspora."

"It is also a lie to talk about a disaster which may befall American Jewry. If there were such a disaster, it would also befall Israel; we are in the same boat."

The second principle, therefore, is "normalization of relations" with the Diaspora.

The third principle is full accept-

ance of the state and its obligations, something the authors think we have not achieved after 36 years of independence.

"The settlements in the territories are being created in a way which would have been appropriate under the Mandate," Eilam said. "Either the government should annex the territories and give the Arabs their full rights of citizenship, or not. I warned Gush Emunim years ago that what we are witnessing now would happen."

In this category, they also include the need for a constitution and bill of rights, full equality for Israeli Arabs, separation of religion and state, etc.

"Israel is the only place where there is discrimination against Reform and Conservative Judaism," Eilam said. "Anywhere else in the world, that would be considered anti-Semitism."

The fourth principle is genuine effort toward peace. "The attitude today seems to be that peace would interfere with Zionism," Eilam said. "The Arab camp is beginning to talk, at least abstractly, about peace. I heard a Hebrew broadcast for Independence Day on Jordanian television which sounded like what Zionist sources used to say."

ONE OF THE REPORTERS advised him to listen to what the Jordanians broadcast in Arabic. "You could make the same argument in reverse by quoting minutes of certain Zionist meetings," Eilam said. "It isn't the point."

The fifth principle is more abstract, the idea that the state exists as a field of creativity for the individual. Eilam said Western society is moving away from being a mass society and towards being a society in which the sovereign is the individual. The individual has to be encouraged to participate in society by being given full partnership in information, decision-making and creativity. Work has to be reorganized to be more creative and salaries should be set, not for hours worked, but for what is produced in the same way the producer prices his product.

All of these ideas have been presented to seminars of young people, soldiers and workers, Eilam and his colleagues said, and have been understood and well received.

Asked if their decision to put out the booklet at this time has anything to do with the elections, they said the elections caught them in the middle of their preparations and they decided to continue.

They would be pleased if political parties adopted some of their ideas, but they see their goal as more educational. They hope that, ultimately, a large grassroots movement will grow in support of their ideas and will either force existing political parties to accept them or create a new political initiative.

The Institute for Social Zionism has received a Ford Foundation grant to prepare educational programmes and train teachers to disseminate its ideas.

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'Compulsory deposits' raise Co-L by 5%, merchants say

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Abolishing the "compulsory deposit" on a long line of imports would reduce the rate of inflation by about 5 per cent, according to the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce.

The "compulsory deposit" was introduced on June 1, 1983, and will expire this June unless the economic ministers decide otherwise.

The federation points out that businesses must deposit 15 per cent of the value of an import with the Finance Ministry for one year. This 15 per cent does not bear interest and is not linked.

The merchants, in order to obtain this 15 per cent to deposit, borrow from the banks. At present, they pay 19 per cent interest a month, which is

an effective annual rate of about 700 per cent.

The federation claims that this increases the price of imports by about 13 per cent. Since the "compulsory deposit" applies to 10-15 per cent of all imports, this means that it leads to a 1.5 per cent increase in the index.

Moreover, since a "compulsory deposit" is imposed on about 30 per cent of raw materials, this leads to the prices of finished goods rising 1.5 to 2 per cent.

Finally, due to the higher prices of imported goods, local manufacturers can also increase the prices of locally made goods by 1.5 to 2 per cent without fear of losing their market.

All these "percentages" lead to an annual hike in the cost-of-living index of about 5 per cent, the federation says.

Canadian businessman rates foreign banks Hapoalim first in test of business aggressiveness

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Israeli banks are the hungriest for business." This is one of the findings of a Canadian businessman, Lance Secretan, who decided to test the response of 53 foreign banks doing business in Canada.

Secretan, who published the results of his survey in the monthly, *Canadian Business*, set out to test whether foreign banks were more aggressive in trying to pick up a new account than local ones. He wrote a letter to 53 banks abroad, asking for their interest rates and other terms on \$300,000 he wanted to deposit. Only 25 banks responded, ten by mail and 15 by telephone.

On the basis of these responses Secretan rated the banks according to 16 criteria. The most important were speed of response, quality and professionalism of response, sales skills displayed, level of contact

(high-ranking executive or a telephone-answering service), competitiveness of interest rates, interest in new business, the bank's strength internationally, and its attitude about helping new Canadian companies and investment in Canada.

First place went jointly to Bank Hapoalim, and to the Standard Chartered Bank of Canada (an English bank). Tying for ninth place were two other Israeli banks, Leumi and Discount.

The second through fifth places were taken by Banca Commerciale Italiana; Grindlays Bank (U.K.); Societe Generale (France); and Swiss Bank Corporation.

Commenting on the other banks, Secretan noted that the Americans uttered the most mumbo-jumbo; the British were the best all-around bankers — but they "make you feel like a peon"; the Europeans were the most impressive; and the Orientals the slowest to answer.

Hapoalim drive achieved triple its objective

TEL AVIV. — Bank Hapoalim is preparing to launch soon another savings campaign following the recent completion of a two-month drive which achieved three times its objective.

During these past two months the bank's financial advisers adopted a "the customer decides" attitude,

and they did not try to convince people that one plan was better than another. They simply stressed the different benefits of savings schemes, provident funds, short- and long-term deposits in shekels or in foreign currencies, and mutual funds. The customer chose what best suited his needs.

Swimming pool knowhow

TEL AVIV. — Kibbutz Yizre'el has set up a company, together with private interests, to sell abroad its knowhow in building and maintaining swimming pools. A total of \$1 million was invested in the international marketing company.

Sela at basic price

TEL AVIV. — The Mizrahi Bank's Sela mutual fund can be acquired during May at its basic price (without the usual one per cent commission). Sela invests 75 per cent of its funds in index-linked government bonds and the "arrangement" banking shares.

TOURISM BRIEFS

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The prestigious King David Hotel in Jerusalem has no intention of lowering its rates. If anything, they might go up a bit, new manager Yosef Heksh, told *The Jerusalem Post* recently. Heksh, who is 39, formerly headed the chain's Dan Carmel and Dan Tel Aviv hotels. He is replacing Ilan Fink, who after 11 years at the King David, is taking over the Dan overseas tourism projects. Another new appointment in the Dan chain is Menahem Eyal, who is becoming director of sales in Europe.

Hotels Israel, a firm specializing in letting furnished flats to tourists for short periods, will next month begin offering flats at Lev Hagallil, an apartment resort complex in Tiberias. According to the company, each flat comes fully furnished, with a completely equipped kitchen, air-conditioning and colour TV, while the public areas offer a pool, sauna, jacuzzi, exercise room and restaurant. The company has recently been recognized as a tourist enterprise by the Tourism Ministry.

Some 100 editors of Jewish newspapers in North America are to come to Israel next year for their annual convention at the request of Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir. The editors, who will discuss ways of encouraging tourism to Israel, will also tour local sites and projects.

The British Tourist Authority has appointed Corinne Sharpe as marketing executive responsible for Israel. Sharpe, who is presently visiting the country, was previously BTA representative in Vancouver for Western Canada.

The lowest nightclub in the world; that's what Avi Cassouto, owner of the Tzel Harim Hotel at the Dead Sea, claims about the hotel nightclub. Minus 400 (so called because it is 400 metres below sea level). Cassouto has written to the Guinness Book of Records, asking that the nightclub be included.

The Hotel Association has called on the political parties to include a tourism plank in their platforms. Among its recommendations for such a plank are selling the Government Tourist Corporation and turning the body, which finances hotels and other tourism projects, into a commercial bank. The hoteliers are also for the abolition of local tourist development companies and the centralization of all such projects. They want to increase the involvement of the tourism ministry in such activities as civil aviation, beaches, national parks and nature reserves.

MORE GOODS. — Industrial production in the European Community rose by 4.4 per cent in the year to February, but it was down 1 per cent from January, the EC's statistics agency Eurostat reports.



Night photograph of the highly sensitive electronic fence made by the Beta plant in Beersheba.

Solar pond shown for first time at Energy '84 show

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Solar energy devices that generate electricity and heat and purify water took centre stage at the Energy '84 exhibition that opened Thursday night at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds.

The most recent Israeli innovation at the exhibition is the Thermolake solar pond, which was shown to the public for the first time. It stores and delivers water heated to 60-90 degrees Centigrade, for a wide range of industrial and agricultural applications.

The pond may be filled with any type of water and is covered with a tightly-packed array of special trays that permit solar energy to penetrate the pond and keep the heat in. It is

manufactured by Arel, a subsidiary of Argaman Textiles, which claims the Thermolake is more versatile and economical than other types of solar ponds.

Most of the exhibits, which include items ranging from insulation materials and solar roof heaters to computerized environmental control systems, are aimed at businessmen and other experts in the energy field.

The Energy Ministry exhibit in pavilion 30 shows models of a wind-power farm planned for Yotfat, the Mediterranean Dead Sea hydroelectric project, and demonstration projects for saving energy and using alternative energy sources.

The exhibition closes on Thursday.

Phoenix had IS 371.8 million loss

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Phoenix Insurance company lost IS371.8 million in 1983, compared to a net profit of IS\$4m. in the previous year, the company announces. Both sums are adjusted for inflation.

As in former years, the company's life insurance business was quite profitable, but it incurred considerable losses on its fire, theft and accident accounts.

Despite the overall losses, Phoenix notes that it is continuing to grow. Its income from premiums

grew by 34 per cent in real terms (that is ahead of the index) to IS7,215m., and its balance sheet grew to IS17,014m., compared to IS5,730m. in 1982.

The company notes that it is doing everything to reduce costs. Its general expenses dropped from 15.6 per cent of premium income to 13.1 per cent this year.

EXPORTS. — Elta, a subsidiary of the Israel Aircraft Industries, exported equipment worth \$27 million over the last fiscal year and this year its exports will reach about \$50 million, the plant director reported Friday.

WHAT'S ON

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Jerusalem Museums

Israel Museum. Exhibitions: Window to Islam: Islamic culture, religion, science and Court life; Gallery of the Knesset Period: renovation of gallery and new finds; Nahum Tzvet, Wall Statues and Models for Large Sculptures; Jonathan Borofsky, Environmental Sculpture and 3-Dimensional Painting, Face and Body, New Acquisitions in Photography; Herta and Paul Amirani Collection of Judaica, Art, Archaeology and Contemporary Israel; Art 12 Pages from Cairo Geniza — Medieval Manuscripts, Special Exhibits: Floor Mosaic from Byzantine Farm (from 1553), Mosaic of Greek Pottery, 6th Cent. Mosaic Floor, Tisha Hammer Works by Anna Ticho, Collection of Hachukim (open 10:45-12:30, Fri. 10:30-1:30). **Rothschild Museum:** Kadish Barnea, Judean Kingdom Fortresses: News in Antiquities, Finds from Phoenician Tombs, 10th to 7th cent. B.C.E., How to Study the Past (for children, Paley Center, next to Rockefeller Museum). Closed Saturdays.

Visiting Hours: Main Museum 10-5, At 11: Guided tour in English. 11: Senior Citizens "Art on Film" series, "Impressionism to Cubism". 3: Guided tour of Archaeology Galleries. 3:30: Children's film, "Tom Sawyer". 8:30 Lecture, "Toulouse-Lautrec — Art as Autobiography" (in English) by Prof. Julia Frey.

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Lone rangers

THE ARGUMENTS for and against proportional elections in Israel have been rehearsed so often that they are widely familiar. If more evidence against the utility of the system were needed, some of the country's well-known politicians seem intent on supplying it in this year's election campaign.

For the system, which encourages the proliferation of small parties, is this time sprouting lists galore. Many of these lists, unlike in the past, do not represent constituencies, marginal or less marginal, who feel they are not being articulated by any of the established parties. Rather they represent politicians in search of constituencies to give them a new lease on political life.

The most vivid representative of the phenomenon is Ezer Weizman, disgruntled with, and then ejected by, his party, Herut, Weizman sulked at home awaiting a chance. The sudden dissolution of the Knesset caught him by surprise, with no organization, no partners and no visible body of supporters. But since election campaigns are now contrived by public relations experts, a market can be created for a politician just as it can for any other product. Weizman, therefore, already a "brand name" was not deterred.

But what about all the others who for one reason or another have not been able to come to terms with their own parties or former parties and have therefore opted to run on their own lists? There is Yigal Hurwitz, the former finance minister who dutifully voted with the Likud coalition as it drove the economy into disaster, just as he had predicted it would. He now would ask for electoral support.

On the left of centre there is Lova Eliav. Denied a place on the Labour list, which is "too crowded" to admit new faces that would help make it attractive, he too has opted to weld a personal constituency.

In the frenetic politics of the National Religious Party orbit, it is still not clear who will run with, or away from, whom. But separatism is a rampant feeling, as Mr. Abuhazzeira already demonstrated in the last poll.

And yesterday it was reported that the Knesset Speaker, Menachem Savidor, ignominiously jettisoned by his Liberal Party, was planning to run on his own ticket as well.

Such proliferation of lists only adds static and noise to the election campaign. It does not help in deepening the voters' understanding of the major issues facing the nation or the alternatives represented by the major parties. Communication is hindered not enhanced.

In addition, the small lists are able to siphon off votes from the larger parties. Some of these votes are totally lost when the lists do not pass the threshold needed to obtain a Knesset seat.

The aspiring politicians themselves cannot be blamed. The system permits this excess. Instead of being able to test their personal popularity in a primary campaign, as in the U.S., the politicians can test themselves only in the ultimate campaign. But the purpose of this campaign, in the proportional system, is not to test personalities, but rather parties and platforms.

This distortion of the premises underlying the proportional system can only strengthen those who have argued on behalf of a constituency system. But barring such a major reform, which the smaller parties have always prevented, it should certainly prompt action to raise the threshold of voters needed by a list to obtain a Knesset seat. That would at least deter some of our lone rangers.

Rule of impotence

By PINHAS LANDAU

"Catch-22, which specified that a concern for one's safety in the face of dangers that were real and immediate was the process of a rational mind."

"Vast sums of money are being smuggled abroad, the public is perplexed and confused, and it is impossible to advise people how to invest their money."

Giora Gazit, chairman of Bank Hapoalim, April 29, 1984. THERE IS GENERAL agreement that, "stern" and "uncompromising" economic measures will be announced shortly afterwards. This consensus is based on the gravity of the situation and any amount of statistical evidence can be, and is, brought as evidence thereof.

This common wisdom is open to attack on two fronts, and its shallowness can be elicited by asking two vulgar and seemingly inane questions: Says who? And so what?

Who are the authors of the consensus position about the state of the economy? Academic economists, professional economists, senior government officials, captains of industry, bankers, brokers... everybody, in short, who is aware of the true picture, everybody who understands what's going on. All agree on the "gravity of the situation" and on the need for "urgent," "drastic" and "far-reaching" measures, "steps" and "policies."

In May 1981, before the last elections, the same consensus position was established by the same people with the same rationale. After the elections, they held their breath and waited for the expected blows to fall. They never did. All the predictions fell flat on their faces: all the people who know it all got it wrong.

What happened, in fact, was that we all had a jolly good time until Ariel Sharon, then Menachem Begin and, finally, Yoram Aridor were variously forced out of office. Then there was some trouble with the banks - they took everybody's money - but now things are more or less O.K. again.

NO, I AM NOT being facetious. This is how a large section of the populace sees things. Their view is summarized by a simple statement made to me by a member of the general public last week - formally a question, but in practice an absolute statement: "In the days of the Alignment, could we buy colour TVs and videos?"

Yes, he really said it. And he meant it. And he has the same vote as the professor of economics at Tel Aviv University; he and his friends, however, outnumber the professor and his friends quite heavily.

This is not to say that a democratic system of one-man-one-vote is unfair or ineffective, the underlying thesis of our democracy is that the

voters can be presented with arguments and positions and decide between them, having been given all, or at least most of the facts. It lies with the politicians, the aspiring leaders, to educate the public on the issues that they perceive to be most important.

BEFORE PURSUING this point further, let us pose our second question to those who believe in the inevitability of the next government's introducing tough measures: So what?

If, come July 24, or August 24 or whenever they get their act together, the next lot issue a series of decrees of whatever stringency the imagination can dream up, the reaction will not be one of trembling and panic but of stifled yawns, resigned shrugs and even "heard-it-all-before" smirks.

The reason is that nobody will believe that the government members mean what they say, and, more important, even if they do mean it, nobody - including all the wise men - will believe that they can see it through to the end.

This is the legacy Yigal Cohen-Orgad or his successor will receive. He was presented with the best opportunity imaginable to take truly drastic measures against a background of panic and collapse. He said he knew what to do, and that he was going to do it. A lot of noise was made: a few hesitant steps were taken - then a hasty retreat back to the old positions.

The two lasting results of the Cohen-Orgad stewardship of the Treasury are the tripling of the rate of inflation and the entrenchment of the belief that all finance ministers are incompetent; have an impossible job, and are not to be believed, either in their reassurances or in their warnings.

THE CONSENSUS position is therefore not a firm prediction of what will happen after the elections. It is more the wishful thinking of the enlightened sector of the voters as to what ought to happen, because of the real and immediate dangers facing the economy if nothing is done. The very strong likelihood remains that this wishful thinking will not be translated into reality.

What will become, in the course of time, awful reality, are the warnings of the "know-all" brigade. In 1981, they said something must be done or else terrible damage would be wrought on the economy. Nothing was done - in fact, Aridor and Dr. Yakir Plessner conspired to aggravate an already deteriorating situation and the damage was wrought. Now here we are in 1984 with an economy that makes 1981's seem optimal in comparison. And equally in 1984, when something must be

done and nothing will, all the prophecies of gloom and doom will come true, whether sooner or later makes no difference.

WHY ARE THE ODDS of nothing being done so high? For the same reason that nothing has been done hitherto, namely, the lack of political power and determination to take steps that are inherently unpopular, however necessary they may be for the country.

The longer corrective measures are put off, the more necessary they become, but the more extreme they have to be in order to be effective, and so the less likely they are to be adopted. This is the vicious circle of paralysis and deterioration that has brought us to where we stand now.

After the elections nothing will change, and it doesn't matter a toss who wins. If either of the big parties could achieve an overall majority, there would at least be a theoretical chance of action being taken, particularly if the Alignment were the victor.

But such an overall majority is nowhere in sight; the dreary game of coalition-making will probably drag on through the summer and the cabinet that finally emerges will be as impotent and incapable of government as its predecessors, quite unable to take the initiative in forcing bitter medicine on a disbelieving and divided public.

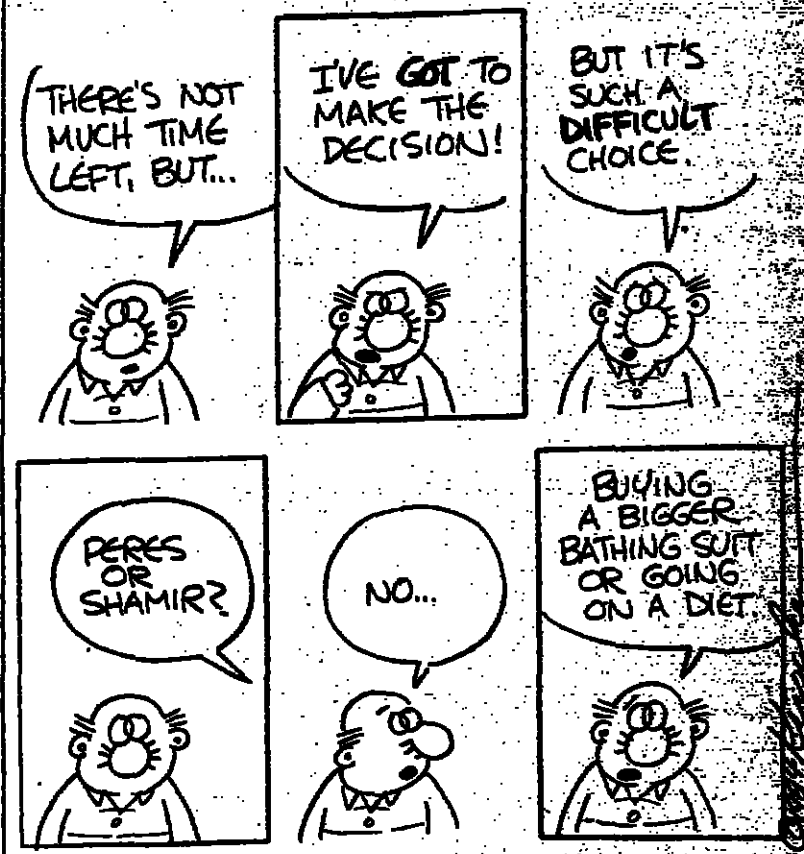
WHAT WE ARE seeing, as the election campaign unfolds, is that the main, almost sole, preoccupation of our would-be leaders is to ensure that they and their cronies are elected or re-elected, so that they can continue to benefit from the privileges of membership in the Knesset club. If they can achieve government office of some kind, better still; even more benefits will be theirs for the taking or distributing. This pattern is uniform across the political spectrum, overriding supposed ideological and other differences.

THERE HAS BEEN no time, during this intensive period of jockeying for position, to debate trivia such as Lebanon, the economy or even the future of Eretz Yisrael - the supposed issues of the elections. Perhaps in the remaining 10 weeks the candidates will find an opportunity to address these issues and define their positions on them.

If they do, they will probably confine themselves to the Eretz Yisrael/Palestine problem in its various ramifications. Here, at least, they will be able to take differing stands; the rhetoric will flow; passions will be aroused.

If they talk about the economy, each side will promise a brighter future under its rule, with disaster

Dry Bones



attaching to a victory by the other side. The current opposition will attack the current coalition for responsibility for the "crisis"; the latter will, figuratively, wave video sets and trips abroad, highlighting its "achievements."

Under no circumstances will anybody talk about the few points of interest that will occupy us in the coming four years: how to wipe out the paper wealth that has accumulated over the last several years, without destroying the economy in the process; how to eliminate hyperinflation without creating a major slump, a feat never before achieved in history; how to get people in this country to work for a living instead of relying on government handouts; how to persuade people to remain here and keep their money here, and how to encourage those abroad to bring either themselves or their money or both.

THE POLITICIANS will avoid all these issues because they don't want to cause problems for themselves. And if they did talk about them, it wouldn't help, because they have no applicable solutions. Plans and suggested programmes are numerous, both in the academic world and in the files at the Treasury and the Bank of Israel, but these will remain on the shelf because the politicians, once in office, will shrink from implementing them.

The failure to do anything, even at this late stage, to prevent the economy from continuing its downward spiral, is the primary reason that people with money that can be saved are making such great efforts to smuggle it out of the country and squirrel it away somewhere safe. The writing is on the wall for anybody who wants to read it, and those

who do read it seek to translate the message into action, at least to save their own wealth, if they can.

Bank Hapoalim's Giora Gazit is almost entirely correct in his statement quoted above: Vast sums of money are being smuggled out of the country - by the wealthy few. The general public, the mass of wage-earners, that is, is perplexed and confused. It is impossible to advise people on how to invest their money - legally.

I have yet to meet any self-respecting investment adviser who has any difficulty in advising how to invest money, so long as the advice is given and taken "off the record," preferably out of the office.

IF ANYBODY believed the economy was going to improve after the elections, i.e. if they thought that what ought to be done would be done, they would be bringing foreign currency here to buy up shares in first-class companies which are trading for next-to-nothing. Instead, the money is going the other way, because no such hopes exist.

Those who possess a rational mind have identified dangers that are real and immediate, and are acting out of a concern for their own safety. In so doing, they are endangering everybody else - but in a country that lives by the rules of Catch-22, nothing else can be expected. Yossarian would certainly feel at home here.

"From now on I'm thinking only of me." "But, Yossarian, suppose everyone felt that way?" "Then I'd certainly be a damned fool to feel any other way, wouldn't I?" The writer reports on financial matters in The Jerusalem Post.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS. THE WORLD'S first rehabilitation centre for victims of torture was officially inaugurated recently in Denmark's National Hospital.

Dr. Inge Kemp Genefke, the driving force in 11 years of research and fundraising to establish the centre, declared, "We want to puncture the myth of torture's power to totally destroy a person. We have learned how tough the human being really is."

She said that although her team of doctors, physical therapists and psychologists already have treated about 70 torture victims from around the world, May 5 was selected as the official inauguration because "it is the significant date (in 1945) of Denmark's liberation from the torture and repression of the Nazi occupation."

Staff at the centre said they currently are treating 25 patients, but that the facility will be able to handle 70 a year by the end of 1984. They said treatment includes medical care, physical therapy, psychiatry and family and social counselling.

Although the rehabilitation centre for Torture Victims is the first of its kind, Genefke said professionals from around the world have visited and studied there in preparation for opening similar centres elsewhere.

PS. A RARE and deadly poison used in the "umbrella murder" of a Bulgarian exile in London six years ago may help beat cancer, British researchers said recently.

Writer and broadcaster Georgi Markov, 49, was stabbed by an unknown assassin with an umbrella tipped with ricin, an extract from the castor oil plant and twice as deadly as cobra venom.

But Dr. Philip Thorpe, of Britain's Imperial Cancer Research Fund, told reporters "the linkage of ricin with antibodies produces the most powerful and specific agents for killing cancer cells."

He said the toxin would be used in trials at a London hospital to clean tumor cells from bone marrow extracted from patients with an aggressive form of leukemia.

PS. AN EDITORIAL in the bulletin of the union representing the striking El Al workers in New York said recently their struggle is "inseparable" from the PLO's campaign to regain its homeland.

The editorial lashed out at the Reagan Administration, the AFL-CIO and the government of Israel for the prolonged strike in New York as the national carrier continued flying there despite the strike which had lasted more than a month.

According to El Al 90 strikers have gone back to work, 50 people were recently hired and, together with supervisors who did not join the strike in the first place, the airline has 200 people at work in New York. Originally the airline employed 300 workers there.

The editorial, published in the International Association of Machinists' Bulletin, claimed the "Israeli Zionist regime, notorious for its flagrant disregard for the land borders and population of its neighbours and repeatedly condemned for its bloody repression of the Palestinian masses, is now engaged in an illegal saboteur operation," against the 240 El Al employees in New York.

"The struggle is inseparable from the defence of the Palestinian masses and their leadership, the PLO, in their struggle to regain their homeland and establish a democratic, secular state of Palestine with equal rights for Arab and Jewish workers," the editorial said.

PS. ACCORDING to a recent bulletin of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, Tania Ulanovskaya and Lev Ovsischer announced that their wedding would take place on May 11 in Jerusalem.

"If, however, the Messiah fails to come to rescue Soviet Jewry before then," the couple said, "the marriage will take place in Moscow."

Congratulatory messages may be sent to the Ovsishers at the following address: USSR / RSFSR / Moscow 117246 / Hersonskaya Street 29839.

READERS' LETTERS

SAD PICTURE

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - It is, indeed, sad to see that one of the architects of Israeli militarism, Ariel Sharon, is back in the good graces of the Likud Party. How can such an inconceivable and blind devotion be given to the man who has besmirched the image of Israel as a moral and moralistic country, all over the world?

Look at yourself in the mirror, people of Israel, and tell me if you like what you see:

Militarism
Injustice
Unfair treatment of minorities
Evictions
Appropriations
Continued bloodshed

Does that make a pretty picture? Remember, without American assistance, financial and military, you would still be a "small" nation if you existed at all. Should America ever withdraw its resources (and the aid offered to you this year costs each American \$ 700 in 1984), could you survive on your own in the hostile environment you have created?

Don't point your finger at the Palestinians and tell me "they started it." Regardless of who was at fault, someone has to take a step

towards peace. Additional settlements on the West Bank certainly are not designed to lead to peace; adoration of Sharon is not designed to lead to peace; intransigence is not designed to lead to peace. Look at yourself, Israel, and weep for the many wasted lives of young men in Lebanon, a morass created by the very man whom you now bring back from disgrace. The lives were wasted because of the Begin-Sharon team and the militaristic actions carried out under its control, actions which achieved little except to exacerbate the situation in the entire Middle East.

I, who sit in the safety of my American home, weep for you, because it is easy to see - from here - how you have been and are being led astray. Do not support the return of Sharon, for if you do, you will suffer more, since God, in his righteousness, will strike you down. You are not on God's side in your actions.

Make and live in peace with those whom you have maltreated. Peace entered into because of strength is far better than peace forced on you by those whom you wish to destroy, but whose number may destroy you in turn.

ROBERT C. MORGEN
Skokie, Illinois.

TIME TO FACE REALITY

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Yasser Arafat has recently made momentous statements to Western reporters. He indicated that he does not approve of operations against civilian targets, that he is willing to negotiate with Israel under the auspices of the Security Council, and that such negotiations would be based on the principle of mutual recognition between Israel and a future Palestinian state. In short, he has come as close to demanding the bare minimum from an Israeli-Palestinian settlement as any Palestinian nationalist leader has ever dared to do, or is ever likely to.

In the words of Abu Iyad, a prominent member in Fatah's central committee, this Palestinian leadership has proved to be the most courageous in the history of the Palestinian national struggle, in that it now openly calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state in part of Palestine. Yasser Arafat, in his interview with the London Observer of April 29, said: "I address this challenge to all Israelis - a just peace."

The time has now come for Israel to face reality. Either it ignores this, the only chance for an equitable settlement between the two nations, Israeli and Palestinian, or it re-

GENEROUS FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - I know that one should write a letter to the editor as soon as possible after the appearance of an article. If I am writing about an article which appeared on April 13, it is only because pressures of these past weeks have made even 20-hour workdays insufficient to deal with all the matters at hand.

I was very pleased to see the article by Abraham Rabinovich concerning the Tower of David and the Jerusalem City Museum, particularly as I feel it is one of the most vital projects we have initiated in Jerusalem. It represents the heritage of our past as few single places in the city do.

I was only sorry that your reporter ended the article with: "The Citadel is now fit for a visit by the ordinary taxpayers who have been paying the bill." I know that you have already printed a letter from Keren Clure indicating their involvement and this is surely an appropriate time for us publicly to express our deep gratitude for their extreme generosity and concern.

Moreover, while the city has provided part of the infrastructure for this project, the Jerusalem Foundation has secured gifts in addition to that of Keren Clure which have enabled us to carry out the archaeological excavations, the renovations, the exhibitions and the sound and light show sponsored by Charles and Andy Brofman from Montreal. It is the friends of Jerusalem who have made all this possible.

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Jerusalem.

TEDDY KOLLEK,
Mayor of Jerusalem

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - I have just received a copy of your article of March 28, "American expert savages work of Project Renewal." As the author of the report quoted, I would like to attempt to place into proper perspective, the purpose and method of preparation of my report. Despite the fact that I was accurately quoted (except that my statement about the "Edifice complex" should have read... "buildings are being constructed to please the ego (not eye) of the architect, donor or the community..."), the sense and purpose of the report has been either misunderstood or misinterpreted.

I am a New York (not Bangkok) based construction consultant and I have been a consultant in Thailand and South America, as well as in the United States. In the spring of 1983, I was requested by Gideon Witkon, the incoming Director General of Project Renewal, to investigate, on his behalf, the planning and construction work of Project Renewal. I was asked to issue an impartial and unbiased report to him on what faults I had been able to find, and what recommendations I had to make to him for improvement in the operations of his department. I was also asked to comment on the work of the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem Corporations, the Israel Education Fund and Diyar Laoleh.

Upon my arrival in Israel, I was met by Itzhak Shavit, who was my escort, guide, companion, translator, source of information, etc. during my stay. He saw to it that I visited as many projects as possible all over the country, and met with as many of the consultants and staff as possible. He answered frankly all of my questions (and there were many). To the best of my knowledge, I was shown all sides of the picture - the good, the bad and the indifferent.

I then prepared a report which consisted basically of two sections. The first section consisted of observations of those procedures of planning and construction that I considered to be inadequate and in need of improvement. The second section consisted of my recommendations for making those improvements, as well as details of how those improvements should be implemented. At the end of my stay, Gideon Witkon, Itzhak Shavit and I sat for many hours going over my report and recommendations in detail. They were certain recommendations which they felt it might not be possible to implement. I stood by, and still stand by, all of my recommendations, but I also understood that things cannot, necessarily, be changed immediately. All of this was done in the sense of what is known as "constructive criticism."

My purpose in this mission was not to give a "balanced" view of the operations of Project Renewal; it was rather, to concentrate on those areas which needed improving. There was, therefore, little or nothing in my report which praised the work of Project Renewal. However, I want to add that, as far as I am concerned, not only was there no intent to "savage" the work of Project Renewal but on the contrary, I came away with a great deal of admiration for much of what Project Renewal had been able to accomplish.

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